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JAPAN NOW MAKING HECTIC PREPARATIONS FOR WAR WITH BRITAIN, AMERICA

Efforts To Impede U.S. Rearmament Programme

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (REUTERS)—HECTIC PREPARATIONS ARE NOW BEING MADE BY JAPAN FOR WAR WITH BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, FOR SHE IS PLANNING A SOUTHWARD ADVANCE EARLY NEXT YEAR, well-informed sources in Hongkong revealed today, according to the Chinese-American Daily News.

General Tojo, the Japanese War Minister, has been in Nanking, reportedly to direct Japanese military affairs and to discuss problems relating to the reopening of the Yangtze River and the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, the report says.

SHANGHAI POLICING AGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (Reuters)—A basic agreement on policing rights in the Western Extraterritorial roads area, was reached between the Japanese-sponsored Shanghai Special Municipal Police and the International Settlement authorities, following negotiations between the S.M.C. and Mayor Chen Kung-po, according to the Japanese daily, TAIRIKU SHIMPO.

EXTRAORDINARY NAZI OUTBURST AGAINST U.S. DROPPED

The extraordinary outburst against the United States which was made recently by the German Foreign Office spokesman has been dropped entirely, states a London message.

It has not been mentioned in the German press or in German broadcasts and American correspondents were even told that the Germans were surprised that it had been given such prominence. The Germans have also dropped the campaign of speaking about the solidarity between Japan and the Axis, and it is assumed that Japan may have shown her dislike to the suggested part she should take in the German plan.

Chinese Gift To Roosevelt

Pleasant Ceremony In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (Central)—To congratulate President Roosevelt on his third term, Professor Chang Shu-chi of the Arts Department of the National Central University has made a beautifully embroidered "Picture of a Hundred Birds" for presentation to the U. S. Chief Executive.

In a brief ceremony yesterday the picture was handed to the American Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson. More than 100 people were present, prominent among them being Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, Dr. H. H. Kung Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Publicity and Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The gift will be sent to the United States by air mail.

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Reuters)—It is understood from official sources that negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia for a Fisheries Agreement is meeting difficulties.

Efforts will be made by Japan to impede the United States rearmament programme in order to obtain large American supplies of raw materials and arms in the meantime and for this reason the Japanese military authorities will be advised to reopen the Yangtze to international shipping, according to the report.

PAYE WAY FOR NOMURA
This is expected to pave the way for Admiral Nomura the new Japanese Ambassador in Washington in his mission to the United States and will also aid Japan in her present hectic war preparations, the paper says.

An understanding is said to have been reached with Germany and Italy for Japan to carry out her southward advance early next year, the paper concludes.

"APPRECIATE" OUTBURSTS

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Reuters)—Mr. Ishii, Japanese Cabinet spokesman, told the foreign Press conference this morning that he could "appreciate" recent Italian outbursts against American aid to Britain but, he added, "the situation has not yet reached the stage for invoking the Tripartite Agreement."

Mr. Ishii refused to say whether or not his views agree with that of the Italians and the Germans.

Petain Said Made Some Concessions To Germany

The efforts of Marshal Petain to come to suitable terms with Germany still remain wrapped in secrecy, states a London message.

Some reports suggest that the Marshal has made some concessions and that he is hoping that Germany will be satisfied with these.

The Vichy War Minister and Air Minister have both been on a tour in the Mediterranean zone and both of them have told Marshal Petain that the defences of the French Empire are in good trim.

American Asiatic Fleet Stronger Than Before

THE DEFENCES OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO HIGHEST PITCH OF MODERN HISTORY, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

In the last week 12 large submarines have arrived there which makes the United States Asiatic Fleet stronger than before.

A new high peak has also been reached by additions to the Philippines Air Force while the land forces now include 10,000 U.S. troops and ten divisions of local reserves.

This is considered significant in view of the announcement on Monday that British forces in the Far East had been increased by the arrival of fresh troops in Malaya.

A report from Singapore states that Australian military officials have arrived there to confer with Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East.

CHANNEL PORTS ATTACKED

British "bomber" attacks were made on Monday night against the Channel ports and details will be given later after the return of the pilots, says a London message.

The main German attack over Britain was against Lancashire. Considerable damage was done but the casualties were not heavy.

Bombs were dropped in London and other areas where the damage was slight and the casualties few.

Seven German bombers have been brought down in the last three nights.

Shortly before dawn yesterday morning people of Kent were awakened by heavy firing and it is presumed that the long-range guns were in action across the Channel.

YEN-GULDER AGREEMENT

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Reuters)—An exchange agreement has been reached between the Yokohama Specie Bank and the Java Bank linking the gulder with the yen, it was announced today by the Information Board.

It is understood that there will be no change in the exchange rate between the yen and the gulder. The agreement is a preliminary step towards the final agreement stipulating a fixed rate between the two contracting parties in case a change in the rate is deemed necessary.



An L.P.T.B. "Jim Crow," one of the men posted on the bus routes to warn drivers of the approach of enemy aircraft. Their signal advises drivers to pull in and take shelter with the passengers.

FASCIST NEWSPAPERS AT LOSS TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH PREMIER'S TALK

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S DRAMATIC BROADCAST TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE must have reached a number of Italian ears, states a London message.

It has been arranged to translate and circulate the speech amongst all Italian prisoners of war in Egypt.

The Egyptian papers brought out a special edition yesterday morning with the Prime Minister's speech displayed under banner headlines.

The American evening papers and wireless commentators were quick to seize on the Premier's blunt declaration that one man and one man alone was responsible for leading the Italians into a war which they did not want. The Fascist newspapers do not know what to do or say about the broadcast.

COURAGE FAILED

On Monday night they promised to publish Mr. Churchill's address in full but yesterday morning it was evident that their courage failed them and the latest report from Rome declares that the broadcast will not be published.

Reports from Berlin show that the same attitude is being adopted in Germany.

Several British papers link Mr. Churchill's speech with the remarkable report made by Marshal Graziani in trying to show that the Italians have been overcome by the superior numbers of the British Army.

THE TIMES says: "The Italian people now know that we have the power to strike hard when provoked and if it is necessary that this conflict shall go on our forces in Libya will inflict even greater blows."

POPE ON NEW ORDER

His Holiness the Pope, in a broadcast yesterday from the Vatican Palace, spoke of how the new order must be based, says a London message.

"Social problems must be solved, he said, by victory over hatred and the overcoming of all economic ills. There must be victory over egoism which impairs the freedom of individuals."

Superiority Of Royal Air Force In Libya Is Explained: Italians Using Obsolete Types Of Planes

IN NORTH AFRICA THE ROYAL AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT ANOTHER SERIES OF RAIDS, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

Two British planes were lost but eight Italian planes are stated to have been shot down. In Libya the confusion into which the British offensive has thrown the Italians in Benghazi is reported by a correspondent writing to a Greek newspaper.

The writer says that the whole city is sand-bagged and that there is a shortage of food due to supplies being taken by the Army.

CHOLERA

Precautions Still Necessary

The Medical authorities stress the need for precautions to be taken in connexion with food and drinks owing to the existence of a number of persons in the population carrying the cholera germ. Recently three cases of cholera occurred in one tenement building in Kennedy Town.

On exchanging the twenty-five immediate contacts with the patients in question, five were found to be cholera carriers. Uncooked vegetables and bruised fruit, and shell fish from possibly infected locations should not be eaten.

Insistence on cleanliness in the preparation and serving of food is desirable. Food should be protected from flies and other insects which should be exterminated. Close attention should also be paid to the satisfactory collection of refuse and human wastes.

Several hundreds of civilians are said to be evacuating Benghazi. An air correspondent writing on the importance of the superiority of the R. A. F. in Libya over the Italian Air Force puts forward three explanations—

The Italians may lack fully trained crews; they may be suffering from fuel shortage; or they may have been disorganised because Italian aerodromes were not maintained in a serviceable condition. The writer says that it is inconceivable that the Italians have been using obsolete types of planes when they have more modern machines.

He concludes by saying that the Italians apparently have not got off on the right foot either in Africa or in Albania.

The South African Air Force was responsible for a heavy attack on targets in Abyssinia. They went over in three waves and dropped bombs followed by incendiary bullets. Three machines on the ground in an Abyssinian aerodrome were set on fire and three others damaged.

EX-KING CAROL A PRISONER IN SPAIN

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuters)—"I have good reason for believing that ex-King Carol's life is actually endangered. He is detained in the Andalusian Hotel at Seville by order of General Serrano Suner, Spanish Minister of the Interior, acting under pressure from Berlin. He cannot move or make any plans."

This dramatic statement was made to Reuters last night by the former Rumanian Minister in London, M. V. V. Tilea, now leader of the Free Rumania Movement.

"I want to make it clear," declared M. Tilea, "that the Free Rumania Movement does not propose to have anything to do with ex-King Carol and I am not in direct touch with him, but my information comes from reliable sources and I feel that a protest against this totally unjustified treatment of a private individual is urgently called for."

Suner has ex-King Carol to thank for his life because he was given refuge in the Rumanian Legation in Madrid and Carol refused to give him up despite tremendous pressure from Barcelona.

"If Carol had given way Suner would certainly have met his death then."

"There is no just reason for not allowing Carol to go. He has given his word not to mix in politics for the duration of the war but the Spanish Government refuses to let him move."

MIRS BAY TRAGEDY

An explosion aboard lighter No. 3043V occurred in Mirs Bay at 11.30 o'clock yesterday morning. The lighter contained gasoline which caught alight.

Leung Mei, No. 1 coolie, was reported missing and is feared to have been drowned.

Nine members of the crew were injured and three of them are in a critical condition in the Kowloon Hospital.

SIR JOHN LATHAM AT IMPERIAL PALACE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (Reuters)—Sir John Latham, Australian Minister in Tokyo, presented his credentials when he was received in audience by the Japanese Emperor this morning.

Sir John was also granted an audience by the Empress.

GENERAL DE GAULLE'S DRAMATIC APPEAL TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE

General Charles de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, has appealed to the French people to make a final protest against German domination by staying indoors on Jan. 1, 1941, states a London message.

He has asked Frenchmen in both occupied and unoccupied France to stay indoors for one hour in the afternoon of New Year's day.

During that hour no Frenchmen should go about the streets in towns and villages and be asked them to treat that hour as a period of meditation.

General de Gaulle said: "Everything must be done discreetly but firmly in order that the silent protest of crushed France may be an imposing demonstration."

KWANTI

Final Selections For Tomorrow

The following are the selections for Kwanti tomorrow:—

RACE 1

Gretber 1
March Brown 2
Clowner 3

RACE 2

Arabian Cat 1
National Liberty 2
King's Envoy 3

RACE 3

Tevikdale 1
Sea Urchin 2
Glorious Star 3

RACE 4

Quick Despatch 1
Rising Star 2
Roofly 3

RACE 5

Sylvanville 1
Jack O'Lantern 2
King's Work 3

RACE 6

Zero 1
Radium Star 2
Ascot Vale 3

Ambassadors To Remain In Chungking For Christmas

Indicating the close relations between China and three friendly Powers, the Ambassadors of Great Britain, United States and Soviet Russia to this country will stay in Chungking during Christmas, states the "Chinese American Daily News."

Quoting foreign diplomatic circles, the report says that both the British and American Ambassadors have no intention of leaving Chungking for Shanghai.

The report significantly observes that since the establishment of China's capital in Chungking, this is the longest period the Ambassadors have stayed in the wartime capital. They will celebrate Christmas in Chungking. The Soviet Ambassador it is pointed out, has never left Chungking since he took up his post. No matter how severely Japanese planes have bombed the capital, the determination of the foreign Ambassadors has not been shaken.

The American Ambassador has now stayed in Chungking for over six months and the British Ambassador, almost four months, it is stated.

SINO BUSINESS INTERESTS HARD HIT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (Reuters)—Public sale of Chinese goods at present held up in Indo-China as a result of the interruption of communications between Indo-China and Yunnan has been ordered by Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, according to Chinese reports here.

It is stated that the Chinese request for permission to transship the goods, which are being detained in Indo-China, to Shanghai or Hongkong has been rejected by the Indo-China authorities.

Chinese business interests are said to be hard hit by the latest action of the Indo-China authorities.

EXCELLENT HOLIDAY FARE FOR SOFTBALL ENTHUSIASTS

Wreath Ordered For Losers Of Kops-Ladies Encounter!

Excellent holiday fare for softball enthusiasts will be served up, at the Kowloon Football Club, tomorrow morning when two exhibition matches will be staged in aid of the local Bomber Fund which will benefit by 50 cents from each spectator present.

Opening the card at 10.30 a.m. will be the "Greybeards" (K. F. C. over 40's) versus the "Tenderfeet" (K.F.C. under 40's) with the Kowloon Kops tangling against the Combined Ladies in the nightcap.

Police Chief, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue is expected to be present and the "Greybeards" will be managed by Major C. M. Manera, Chairman of the War-Effort Committee; as an added attraction, Association Prexy Mr. Idefonso is endeavouring to obtain the services of a swing band to enliven the proceedings.

Charlie "Caravan" Hall has been named assistant pilot of the "Greybeards" who will line up "Full-a-bull" Fuller, "Guinea-gold" Ogden, Vic "Slim" Chittenden, "Boomerang" Mezger, Percy "Alibi" Younghusband, Doc "Dose em" Atienza, Tubby Abbas, W. C. "Axe-grease" Excell, V. "Toymen" Tesar, Tommy "Sunset" Coleman, Doc "Bone-setter" Molthen, "Colonel" Dave Walker, Bill "Wrong-number" Geall and mascot Gladys "Gran'ma" Hutchison.

"TENDERFEET" SQUAD

In charge of the "Tenderfeet" who have in their line-up S.C. "Sluggers" Wong, "Jack-rabbit" Robinson, Claude "Birdie" Woodcock, H. Smith, "Roll 'em" Bones, Bob "Polly" Hughes, J. "Come-on" Stephens, "Fishy" Mullet, Shifer, Wright, "Bagpipes" Seraphina, "Sparks" Humphrey, "Digger" Groves, "Tops" Lapsley, "Flyhawk" Lapsley and "Foggy" Jorge.

Abe "Ol' Fox" Liu will be calling the balls and strikes, Chuck Waggoner and Prexy Idefonso the bases, so it looks as though the Greybeards will have an edge in the umpiring, if not in the play.

HORSE LINIMENT!

Hot baths and horse liniment have been the vogue amongst the Greybeards since they started practicing and the old soup-bones should be well warmed-up for this titanic struggle.

The youngsters have been taking things fairly easy, confident that they have it all over the oldsters, but are likely to receive a shock when "Slim" Chittenden, "Guinea-gold" Ogden and company start laying on the hickory.

WREATH ORDERED!

The Kowloon Kops have been hard at work getting ready for their tussle against the Combined Ladies and expect to take the Cup that goes to the winners of the nightcap which commences at 11.45 a.m.

An anonymous donor has placed an order for a wreath which is to be presented to the losers and I have an idea that

this will be found in the Talmage-tse Canteen after the match as it is intended to show the Girls to handle the umpiring assignments.

Four hurriers will do duty for the girls: Mary Ng, Theresa Noronha, Thelma Colicco and Babida being the slabsters.

With such heavy sluggers as Irene Pereira, Lily, Mac, Jackie Anderson, Gloria Mar, Irene Castino and Yvonne Yelle in the opposing squad, the Kowloon Kops will be given a hard morning of leather chasing after which they'll bury their enmity long enough to entertain the ladies to tiffin at the Peninsula Hotel.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. against the Army and the Wanderers on Saturday, Dec. 28 and Wednesday, Jan. 1, respectively.

H.K.C.C. v. Army:—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), G. J. P. Carey, C. P. Charlton, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, J. L. Hiley, T. G. C. Knight, E. P. Miller, D. O. Parsons, L. T. Ride, C. D. H. Walker.

H.K.C.C. v. Wanderers:—L. T. Ride (Capt.), F. Baker, D. I. Bosanquet, B. C. Fay, R. H. Griffiths, M. F. L. Haynes, T. G. C. Knight, D. McLellan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry, J. R. Richardson.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL.—International Charity Cup, China v. Scotland (Boundary Street), 3.30 p.m.
RIDDING.—Cottage Club Ride for President's Cup (Cottage Club, Fanling), 4 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Swimming and Swimming Instruction

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL.—International Charity Cup, England v. Portugal (Kowloon P.C.).
RACING.—Fanling, Hunt & Race Club December Race Meeting.

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL ATTRACTIONS

China Should Defeat Scotland Today

BY "PILAT"

With the Yuletide season here once again many different attractions have, no doubt, been arranged for the benefit of the "holiday-makers" and in this connexion soccer fans are well provided for.

This afternoon, on the Boundary Street ground, the first round of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup will be played between CHINA (holders) and SCOTLAND.

The Scots' line-up, composed mainly of players from the Royal Scots, reinforced by Blackburn, Ferrier and Howlett of the Police, and Hutchison of Kowloon, should give the holders a good tussle but the latter are favoured to retain the cup for another year.

China's team will be the same as Chinese "B" on Sunday with Cheung, Wing-choi keeping goal and, on that day's performance their chances are certainly very rosy.

Much will depend on the ability of the Scots' intermediate line in holding the Chinese attack if the Scots hope to turn the tables on their Chinese opponents.

ENGLAND FOR FINAL

On Boxing Day (tomorrow) ENGLAND will meet PORTUGAL on the Kowloon Club ground and should enter the final. Portugal has not yet been selected but it is understood that it will include several of the old stalwarts in ad-Barbier, Fowler and Marable.

dition to many of the youngsters who will be given a chance.

The following are the teams:—

CHINA: Cheung Wing-choi; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Tin-sang; Soong Ling-sing, Hau King-sing, Ng Kee-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), Lai Shiu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

Reserves: Lau Hin-hon; Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung, Kwok Ying-ki, V.K. Hyui, Chan Tak-fai, Cheuk Shek-kam, Lee Shek-yau and Wong Kin-chung.

SCOTLAND: Bankier; Blackburn, Fraser; Hutchison, Falconer, Clark; Garrie, Ferrier, Hossack, Howlett and Gilroy.

Reserves: Scott, Gow, Naysmith Marshall and Munro.

ENGLAND: Robinson; Roughley, Brashwater; Pope, Bright, Wilkinson; Coomer, Le Page, Hendy, Fox and Blackford.

Reserves: Moxham, Britt, Parker, Strange, Honeywell, Thomas, Saw.

SOCCER REVIEW

HAI CHING-TO SCORES SPECTACULAR GOAL

Much Improved Display By Middlesex Team

BY "PILAT"

Last week's league programme was featured by the number of drawn games, there being no less than 12 in all three divisions. In the First Division three of the four matches ended in a draw.

With Star Tso and South China having a "holiday," EASTERN, by virtue of their victory over MIDDLESEX at Caroline, now head the Senior Division for the first time this season.

In beating the "Diehard" Eastern showed a return to their best form; their attack had never functioned more smoothly than on that day. Chung Yung-sum and Hau Ching-to, the wingers, were in great form always showing a clean pair of heels to the Middlesex halves. Hau especially caught the limelight by scoring one of the most spectacular goals seen this season, or for that matter, for the past several seasons.

Obtaining possession of the ball about mid-field, Hau sprang down the line, beating two or three defenders, to cut in and beat Drake with a beautiful ground shot.

LACKED COHESION

Eastern's intermediate line proved too strong for the "Diehard" attack, which lacked cohesion and, with the Chinese always having the upper hand, were seldom in the picture.

Bright did a tremendous amount of work in the pivotal berth but with a centre-forward of the calibre of V.K. Hyui to mark could

rarely find time to assist the forwards who, as a consequence, had to forgo the ball. Saw, in particular, did a lot of foraging but as a result was found wanting when Pearson was invariably left alone to tackle the Chinese defence.

On the whole, the "Diehard" showed an improvement on their two previous outings but there is still room left for improvement in the attack.

STORMING GAME

Playing a storming game right from the start CLUB raised the hopes of their supporters when they jumped into a big lead of 4-1 against NAVY. But, apparently having exhausted their "store of energy," Club fell off and allowed the senior Service to net thrice in the last 20 minutes to share the spoils.

Rierson surprised with a great performance in leading the attack in place of Fowler and, showing good generalship and opportunism, crowned a good afternoon's work with a "hat trick."

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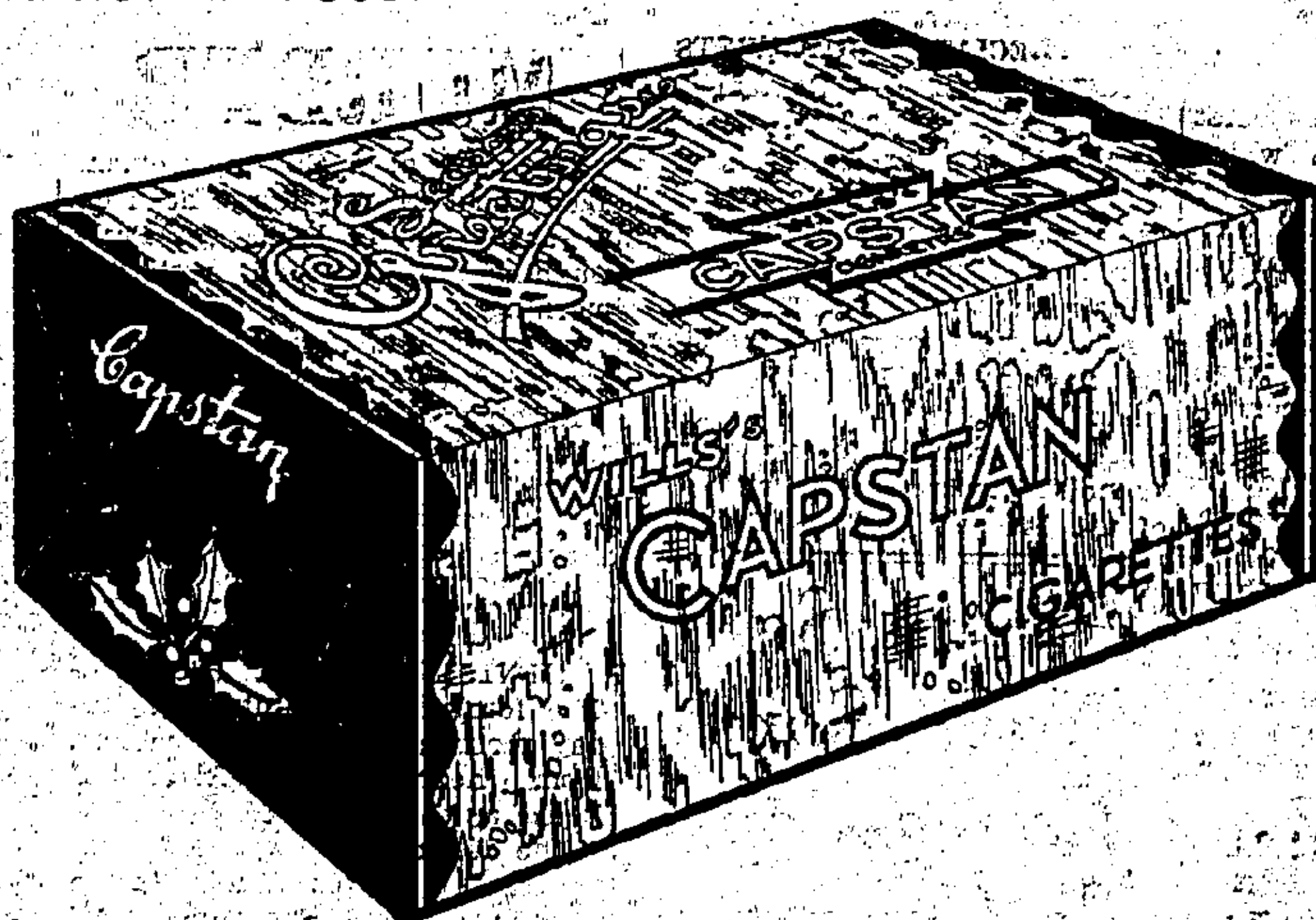
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"MODERNISTIC" ART NO LONGER POPULAR

"Today the American artist has his greatest opportunity. The bizarre European art known for the past years as 'modernistic' no longer appeals to the American people."

This prediction was voiced by Charles Benese, noted American artist and president of Sanity in Art, Inc., an organization which staged a revolt last year against the weird dabblings of the "modernists."

So successful was the Sanity in Art movement at the start that it grew into a national organization of foremost artists who eschewed the middle European influence of the modernists with their curlicues, symbolism and hidden meanings all assembled in the name of "art."

NEW HANGAR

Work has begun on the construction of a new hangar for the Trans-Canada Air Lines at Montreal's new airport now under development at Dorval.

Co-operating with the Dominion Department of Transport in its construction programme, the TCA expects to have the hangar ready for occupancy by July first next year. The Department of Transport is laying out runways and erecting an administration building.

As a commercial airport, Dorval will replace St. Hubert, which will be taken over for war purposes. The TCA building will be the largest hangar ever erected in Canada as one unit.

these days, we American artists are redoubling our efforts to give our people the things so essential to life: through the grandeur of beauty nobly conceived and executed in an artist-like manner. "The American artist" now has his great chance to exploit the sanity and balance of living."



Stanley Holloway, the Yorkshire comedian and originator of 'Old Sam,' giving one of his famous humorous monologues. Cecil Madden, the producer, apparently enjoys the joke.

FRENCH NET STARS UNSCATHED

French tennis has had no casualties in this war, according to a check made by Paul Feret, former Davis Cup player and partner of the late Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen during her professional tour of the United States. The stars Cochet, Borotra and Brugnon have all survived and the younger-vintage players have also come out of the conflict unscathed, save that some are war prisoners.

Cochet, who served in the artillery, is presently in Lyon, his native city, and it is understood that he intends to become a farmer. He previously bought a farm near Paris and he has told friends that he will definitely withdraw from tennis and handle a plough instead of a racket from now on.

Borotra received the portfolio of the newly created Ministry of Physical Culture when Marshal Petain formed his new Cabinet, and his administration, which aims to achieve a renaissance of French athletic training among the youth of the land, has already moved to Paris where it now works. Borotra served as a lieutenant during the war and narrowly escaped capture.

BRUGNON IN PARIS

Brugnon is in Paris. Bonessus and Destremieu are in the unoccupied zone, as is Marcel Bernard, who is still in uniform and was awarded the Croix de Guerre with two citations for valor during the campaign.

Bollell, Pias, Ramillon, Journu, Brethet and Favieres have not been heard from since the war

ended, but they cannot as yet be listed as missing. They all took part in the war and their friends hope that the silence regarding their fate means only that the Germans have not yet had the time to list them.

Among those who are known to have been made captives in action are Petra, Pellizza and Weiss, who served together in the Maginot Line and are reported to be in a prison camp in Alsace. Bonte, Andre Merthin and Lesueur are also prisoners but are in camp somewhere in Central France. Rodol is in Bordeaux and Abdeslam in Paris. Both are at liberty.

Since the war began in September Martin-Leguesy and Aslangul have died, but of natural causes in no way connected with the war.

MANCHESTER RAID

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The number of fatal casualties in the raid on Manchester on Sunday night was comparatively small in view of the severity of the attack. It is stated last night.

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COMING EVENTS

DEC.
25—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Low 12.45 a.m. and 11.45 a.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.
Christmas Day.
International Charity Cup Soccer Scotland v. China (Boundary St.).
Rosary Church Rectory, Children's Party, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
St. Andrew's Christmas Party at Fanning Baby's Home, 3 p.m.
First Annual Cottage Club Paper-Bunk, 4 p.m.
Opening of Agricultural Training Institute in Fanning.
Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.
English Methodist Church, United Service, 10.30 a.m.
Sailors' Home and Seamen's Inst. Christmas Dinner for Seafarers.
St. Andrew's Fellowship, Christmas Dinner and Party, Church Hall, 7 p.m.
26—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.40 a.m. and 12.32 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.
Boxing Day.
Kwong Race Meeting.
International Charity Cup Soccer Portugal v. England (Kowloon F.C.).
Charity Softball, K.F.C., 10.30 a.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.; Swimming; Chess Night, 8 p.m.
Equine Sports Club Cabaret Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
Craigengower C. C. Tea Dance, 6 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.
St. Teresa's C.Y.M.S., Dinner to the Poor, 3 p.m.
27—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 8.05 p.m. Low 2.23 a.m. and 1.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.
R.A.C.C. Dinner Dance.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Evacuation Representative Committee, Public Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.
Kowloon-Tung Garden City Assn., Draw for Debentures, 6 p.m.
28—Tides: High 9.53 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low 3.15 a.m. and 1.59 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 8 p.m.
Chinese Recreation Club "At Home."
30—Tides: High 11.24 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 3.26 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
31—Tides: High 12.06 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 5.10 a.m. and 4.02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.
New Year's Eve.
Claims against Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen (Agents Melchers and Co., Chien Hsin Engineering Co., Ltd.) due.
Watchnight Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OF JAMES BAY

The close co-operation existing between Canada and the United States in the conservation of the North American stock of migratory game birds under authority of the Migratory Birds Treaty was typified in a recent expedition to James Bay, the southern arm of Hudson Bay, for the purpose of investigating conditions relating to waterfowl and shore-birds in that region.

The survey was made by Dr. Harrison F. Lewis, of the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch of the Canadian Department of Mines and Resources and Mr. Harold B. Peters, of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior, who travelled 825 miles about James Bay, chiefly on the motorboat Charles Stewart, placed at their disposal by the Indian Affairs Branch.

They visited settlements on both shores of the bay, studied duck, geese, and snipe on the broad coastal marshes, and inspected a number of large islands, including Akimisk and Charlton which are both beaver preserves.

A special inspection was made on the Minnab Bay Waterfowl Sanctuary, established early in 1939 by co-operative action of the Province of Ontario and the Dominion Government.

Although a number of Indians and some white men were found hunting near the sanctuary large numbers of waterfowl and shore-birds, including great flocks of Blue Geese, were found enjoying peace and tranquillity within it.

The Blue Goose is the most important of the migratory game birds of James Bay. Its nests chiefly on islands north of Hudson Bay, but during its migrations it commonly occurs in thousands in the James Bay swamps and marshes.

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Navy's Prominent Role In Successful Libya Advance

London, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The part played by the Navy in the British advance into Libya is again the subject of warm comment in well-informed quarters in London where full details of sea operations have now been received.

It is pointed out that co-operation between the naval, land and air forces was never easy but on this occasion added difficulties were encountered in the shape of bad weather and absence of good harbours—there is no harbour of consequence between Alexandria and Tobruk.

Low visibility and strong westerly winds on Dec. 12 curtailed naval bombardment and the greatest skill is required to carry out the vital task of supplying British forward troops and embarking a large number of Italian prisoners from the exposed anchorage at Sidi Barrani.

Another instance of perfect co-operation occurred on Dec. 13. On that day no naval bombardments were carried out as the rapid advance of the British troops led to uncertainty as to the military situation.

It is emphasised that shore gunners found it difficult sometimes to know the position of infantry during an advance but it was much more difficult for ships at sea which were further away and where communications were more difficult.

Seventh Raid On Mannheim

VITAL NAZI CENTRE DEVASTATED

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Spreading wastes of flame were seen by R.A.F. pilots after dropping their bombs in Sunday night's raid on Mannheim.

Most damage was done in the neighbourhood of the main railway station on the Ludwigshafen side of the Rhine.

The raid was the seventh on Mannheim since the beginning of December.

It is already known from sources other than reports of the British pilots that great damage was done in the earlier raids which were by no means severe.

TRAFFIC IMPEDED

The Rhine harbour was hit and barges sunk and traffic which helps to give Mannheim its position as the most important industrial centre in south-west Germany was seriously impeded.

Mannheim is also a vital railway junction and traffic to France had to be diverted to another and less satisfactory line.

"BLITZ" DISCUSSED IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—"It is of importance to speak of the blitzkrieg methods," is the conclusion of an observer writing in the Red Army organ, summing up the controversy which has been proceeding in Soviet military magazines and newspapers in regard to whether modern war is the blitzkrieg, and whether or not there is some secret method of conducting a blitzkrieg which would insure its success.

IMPOSSIBLE TODAY

The observer points out that the Napoleonic method of crushing the enemy by a single decisive battle failed in 1914-18, and is even more impossible today. A blitzkrieg is only possible where the converging forces are more unequal, he explains.

The writer attributes the German successes not to undue superiority of forces, but to the weakness of France, and Poland, and concludes that the present war will take the form of a long and merciless contest, eating away the economic and political foundations of the enemy nations.

Appointment Of Lord Halifax Welcomed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The appointment of Lord Halifax as British Ambassador to the United States Government.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has issued a statement to this effect, adding that Lord Halifax's record of accomplishments was such as to commend him to the United States as Ambassador.

Mr. Cordell Hull stated that he looked forward with pleasure to working with Lord Halifax.

Severe Raids By R.A.F. On Enemy Dromes

FIERCE DUEL OVER ARGYROCASTRON

CAIRO, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—A fierce duel between the R.A.F. and Italian aircraft behind the Libyan war front was reported in an R.A.F. communique issued on Monday.

Aerodromes at Barga and Benina—two main reinforcement aerodromes near BEN CHAL—were heavily raided on the night of Dec. 21. Big fires were started at Barga while at Benina three hangars were left burning and badly damaged. Aircraft on the ground were machine-gunned from 500 feet.

Considerable damage was caused on the same night at the Italian stronghold at Tobruk where the British bombers attacked the harbour and military objectives.

FIERCE AIR BATTLE

The same communique recorded that a fierce air battle took place over Argirocastron between nine British fighters and over 50 Italian planes.

Eight enemy fighters were definitely shot down and three more probably destroyed. Two British planes were lost.

The communique continues: "The pilot of one British plane was seen being machine-gunned by Italian fighters while he was descending by parachute. He died half an hour after he was found from wounds received during his parachute descent."

"It is placed on record that this is the second occasion since hostilities began in the Middle East that irrefutable evidence has been received of an R.A.F. pilot having been machine-gunned while making a parachute descent. This follows the practice Italian pilots adopted in the Spanish War."

The communique adds that oil wells at Kucova in central Albania were raided by R.A.F. bombers on Sunday. One enemy aircraft is believed to have been shot down and two British aircraft failed to return.

DECISIVE ROLE OF ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—In the final reckoning with Hitler, the Army will have a decisive part to play, Mr. Eden declared in a message to General Sir John Dill Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on leaving the War Office to assume the Foreign Secretaryship.

To all ranks Mr. Eden expressed deep gratitude for their loyal, cheerful and unflinching help during a period which had no parallel in history.

Referring to the Egyptian campaign, Mr. Eden declared that the Army of the Nile's brilliant victory was the first reward of much patient effort no less than of dash and daring. The quality of the Army of the Middle East to command success, has been proved in Europe.

UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT DROP BOMBS ON ZURICH

Berlin, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—That bombs were dropped on Zurich on Monday night is confirmed in an official Swiss Army communique.

"The Swiss air space was violated several times by foreign planes during the night. Coming from the north, the planes flew over Zurich and at 8.55 p.m. dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs there."

"Several buildings and an economic line of federal railways were damaged. Eleven persons were injured."

According to a statement issued by the Zurich police, four high explosive bombs and a large number of incendiaries were dropped, causing damage in several parts of the town.

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It is the spirit that you put into it that makes Christmas. A lot of the kids are away, it is true, but there are a good many here yet who remain and for whose sake, more than for years, the holiday season is meant.

People who have worked hard, the Repulse Bay Hotel are suggesting a special Luncheon Dance to the strains of Geo. F. P. and a party that was here last year is being curtailed. Santa Claus is being looked forward to, though he may reasonably be shot at if he tries to come down by parachute out of the clouds rather than on a buggy pulled by a couple of reindeer.

If you have a pair of kids in the house, remember that neither one slept his or her full complement of hours last night waiting for good old Father Christmas to come down the chimney and inquire casually about what they found in the stocking.

PLEASED IMMENSELY

Santa, if he is well acquainted with the kids, must have pleased immensely, but if he isn't then either the wife or you must have failed to get in touch with him at the proper season.

Should that be the case, smooth everything over right now in the true Christmas spirit, with no exchange of words, and inform Jack or Jill that the censors have again been tampering with the mail and promise to put things straight.

Reason placates the young, and if you should fail to have the knack of laying over an error of judgment in the loves of your young, uns a blanket of 'credible promises' of reparations at the first opportunity, ask Uncle Amos over from next door.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Remember, though, that Christmas is the children's day more than anyone else's, and their every reasonable wish should be satisfied even if only for once in the whole year. Christmas comes but once a year but can leave imperishable memories.

As mentioned earlier, a fine programme has been prepared even for the grown-ups, with a good number of people working independently to sponsor this or that and the sum total of a good deal of good-hearted effort adding up to a possibility of one day of good cheer leading on to another in nice succession.

The Christmas Eve festivities are over, and some of you may yet be recovering from them this morning. But today is an "At Home" day for every family of more than two and the leading houses of entertainment are content to leave well-enough alone. For families of only two, how-

ever, the Repulse Bay Hotel are suggesting a special Luncheon Dance to the strains of Geo. F. P. and a party that was here last year is being curtailed. Santa Claus is being looked forward to, though he may reasonably be shot at if he tries to come down by parachute out of the clouds rather than on a buggy pulled by a couple of reindeer.

MAIN ATTRACTION

The main attraction in the local world of sports today will be the International Charity Cup Soccer football encounter between Scotland and China at Boundary Street. At the Indian Recreation Club, the annual Married v. Single cricket match will also attract a good holiday crowd.

Tomorrow is Boxing Day and everyone who strives to please will be on their toes to give a good time to all comers. The Gloucester Hotel is staging a Carnival Dinner Dances, there will be dancing at the Gripps, and the cinemas will be attracting the crowds that did not come the day before.

The King's Theatre is showing Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird," Shirley Temple's last picture and one that many critics affirm is her best. It is a fine technical reproduction of the beautiful fairy tale. The Queen's and Alhambra are showing "Lucky Partners" with Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman, a picture with a story well in keeping with the Christmas spirit of optimism.

CHARITY FOOTBALL

Boxing Day sport commences with the Charity football matches at the Kowloon Football Club from 10.30 a.m. In the first match, K.F.C. Over 40's meet Under 40's and the second attraction on the programme will be a match between the Ladies and Kowloon Police.

The Kwai Race meeting is on in the afternoon, and for the stay-in-towners, the International Charity Cup Soccer encounter between Portugal and England.

On Friday, things will have cooled down a little in a full before the New Year festivities commence, except for the services at the European Y.M.C.A.

The "Y" are contributing in good measure to the Xmas spirit, and are staging the grand finale to the holidays with the presentation of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" by the A.D.C. on Twelfth Night after Christmas, January 6. There will be matinees on Jan. 8 and 9 and two more performances on Jan. 10 and 11.



H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester who celebrates her 39th birthday today.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

8.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 7. Holy Communion, 8. Holy Communion with Hymns, 11. Festival Matins: Preacher: The Dean. Holy Communion is celebrated on: Thursday 7.30 a.m. Friday 7.45 a.m. (In Cantonese) Intercession for Sick is held on Thursday 10.15 a.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Holy Communion 7 a.m. 8 a.m. and noon, Christmas morning festival service, 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar. Christmas party given by St. Andrew's Fellowship at Fanling Bables Home 3 p.m. St. Andrew's Fellowship will hold a Christmas Day dinner and party in hall 7 p.m. All members and friends of the Church will be welcome, but notice of intention to attend should be given immediately to Mr. Gordon Gardner, c/o St. Andrew's Vicarage, Thursday.

Medical War Working Party for China 10 a.m. St. Andrew's Club "open night" 8.30 p.m. Friday — Choir practice 8.30 p.m. The rooms of St. Andrew's Fellowship, are open daily from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH

7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Holy Communion in English. 10 a.m. Children's service, Thursday, 8. Stephen, Martyr. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. (There will be no meeting of the Guild of Martha and Mary this day, and no choir practice.) Friday, 8. John, Evangelist. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. (There will be no celebration of the Holy Communion on Saturday.)

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Masses will be said in succession from 7.30 a.m. the last being at 10 a.m. Thursday: 3 p.m. A dinner will be served to 100 poor in the C.Y.M.S. Hall, Saturday: The Feast of the Holy Innocent at 3 p.m. A Christmas party will be given to 100 poor children in the C.Y.M.S. Hall.

AT C. & M.A. CHAPEL

A Christmas service will be held at the chapel of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 25, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, this morning at 9.30. The following programme has been arranged, which includes carol singing by the children of the Alliance Children's Hostel:

Invocation: "Oh come all ye faithful." While shepherds watched their flocks by night. "It came upon the midnight clear." Scripture reading: Luke 2, "The First Noel." "Three Kings of Orient." "Away in a manger." "Silent Night." Christmas message. Subject: "God-Given Gifts." Text: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." Speaker: The Rev. John Bechtel. "Once in royal David's city." "Hark the herald angels sing." Dismissal.

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INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS ON MACAO BUDGET

Our Own Correspondent

MACAO, Dec. 22.—Balanced at \$537,016.11, the 1941 Budget of the Macao Municipal Council presents some interesting sidelights on its proposed workings.

Income is derived from regular sources which include Taxes and Imports, \$161,350, Participational receipts, \$254,575.97, Public Services, \$36,880, Municipal establishments, \$34,281.87, Supplementary, \$44,000, and Extraordinary, \$5,929.27.

General Expenses, \$113,446.45, account for the largest figure on the debit side. Other major expenditures include New Works, \$39,000, Educational, \$71,781.27, and Public Services, \$66,601.35.

RETIRING BANK PRESIDENT IS ENTERTAINED

COCKTAIL PARTY AT AMERICAN CLUB

Mr. D. M. Biggar, retiring President of the Chase Bank, was entertained to a Cocktail Party at the American Club on Monday by the staff of the Bank.

There was a large gathering of friends present. The guests were received by Mrs. Ballantyne, wife of Mr. D. L. Ballantyne, manager of the Bank.

Those who attended the function included the leading Chinese bankers in the Colony, and many commercial friends who have known Mr. Biggar for many years.

PROMINENT GUESTS

Among the prominent guests present were Mr. A. E. Southard, U.S. Consul-General, and Mrs. Southard, the staff of the U.S. Consulate, Sir Vandeleur and Lady Grayburn, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ballantyne, the staff of the Chase Bank, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Edmonstone, Mr. D. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks, Capt. Cassidy (of U.S.S. Mandanao), Mr. S. T. Kitting, manager of the National City Bank of New York, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Dr. Arthur Woo and Mr. Hoel.

NURSES BOARD EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following are the results of the Nurses Board examination held in Nov.-Dec., 1940:—

PRELIMINARY

Government Hospitals—Honours—May Wong; Passed—Irene Botelho, Rosina Luey, Anna Mary Chan (x), Ethel Chue, Henry Chan (x), Ella Jui, Margaret Kwan, Eulalie So (x), Margaret So, Amy Wong, Lily Ho Kam, Yaw, Joseph Mak, Joseph Lau.

Tung Wah Hospital—Au Chung Hing, Choy Ching Yee, Ho Wai Han, Ng Tak Mee, Tam Kiu Yung, Wan Sau Yin, Wong Kin Leuk, Woon Mo Ying, Chow Fat Kuen.

Kwong Wah Hospital—Chan Hau Lin, Yung Shau Han, Chue Yue Shing (x), Tsang Yau Pei, Au Feung Kai Yuen, Chan Chi Kit, Chan Wai Ling, Cheng Kit Fong, Hui Wuen Ha, Lam Shuk Yin, Lau Wai Yin, Ma Mai Kuen, Mak Shun King, Pak Choi Chue, Tam Wai Chun, Tse Ket Yan, Wong Kai Fat, Ng Kit Wa.

Wah Eastern Hospital—S. Lau Sai, Kwong Wing Man, Li Chi Wah, Chan Sau Loon, Fong Shiu Lan, Ling Siu King, Poon Wing Chi, Wong Siu Han, Chu Kwok Sui, Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals—Chan Lin Chui, Law Miu Chee, Mui Siu Shu.

Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital—Lai Chiu Ha, Look Hang So, Wong King Fong, Yip Oi Hao.

x. Credit Anatomy and Physiology; * Credit Nursing and Hygiene.

FINAL (passed)

Government Hospitals—Alice Chun, Alice Cheung (xx), Alice Maria Lopes (xx), Jane Wong (xx), Mary Chow Po Lin.

Tung Wah Hospital—Lam Suk Hung (xx), Lau Wing Chee, Wong Pui Chee.

Kwong Wah Hospital—Poon Chi Hing, Chiu Yiu Chun (**), Wong Wai Chung (xx).

Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals—Hon Pik Ying.

Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital—Peola Lai, Cheng Sau Ying, Wong Kwan Yu.

** Credit Medicine; xx Credit Nursing.

COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following cases were notified to the Health Authorities for the week ended at midnight on Dec. 21 with total deaths in brackets:—

Cholera, six (seven); Small-Pox, four (four imported); Diphtheria, eight (two); Enteric Fever, eight (four); Measles, 14 (two) (one imported); Chicken-Pox, five; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one; Dysentery, 25 (6); Tuberculosis, 175 (148) (three imported).

DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at Midnight on Dec. 23 are as follows:—Cholera, one; Diphtheria, four; Enteric Fever, two; Chicken-Pox, three; Dysentery, two; Tuberculosis, 40.

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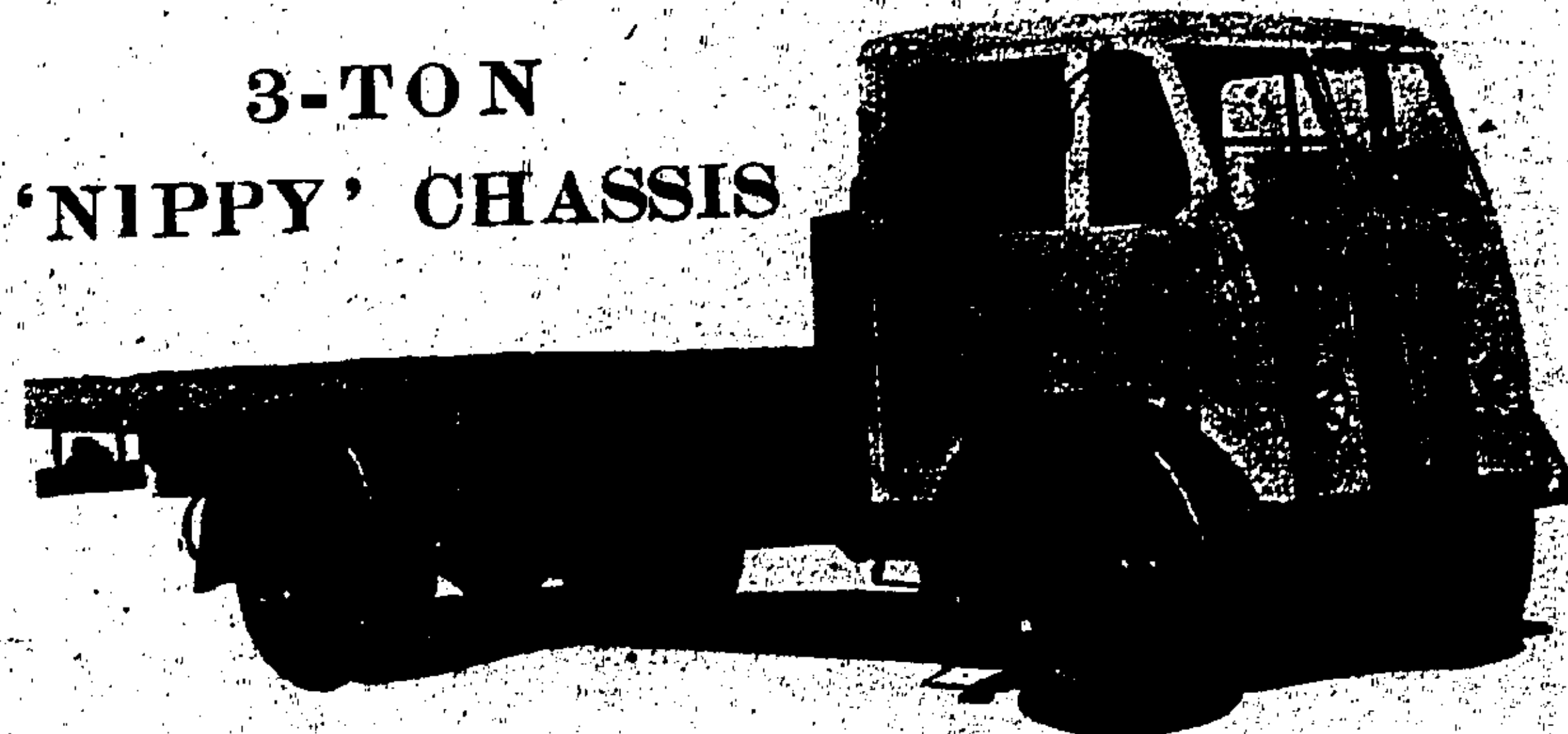
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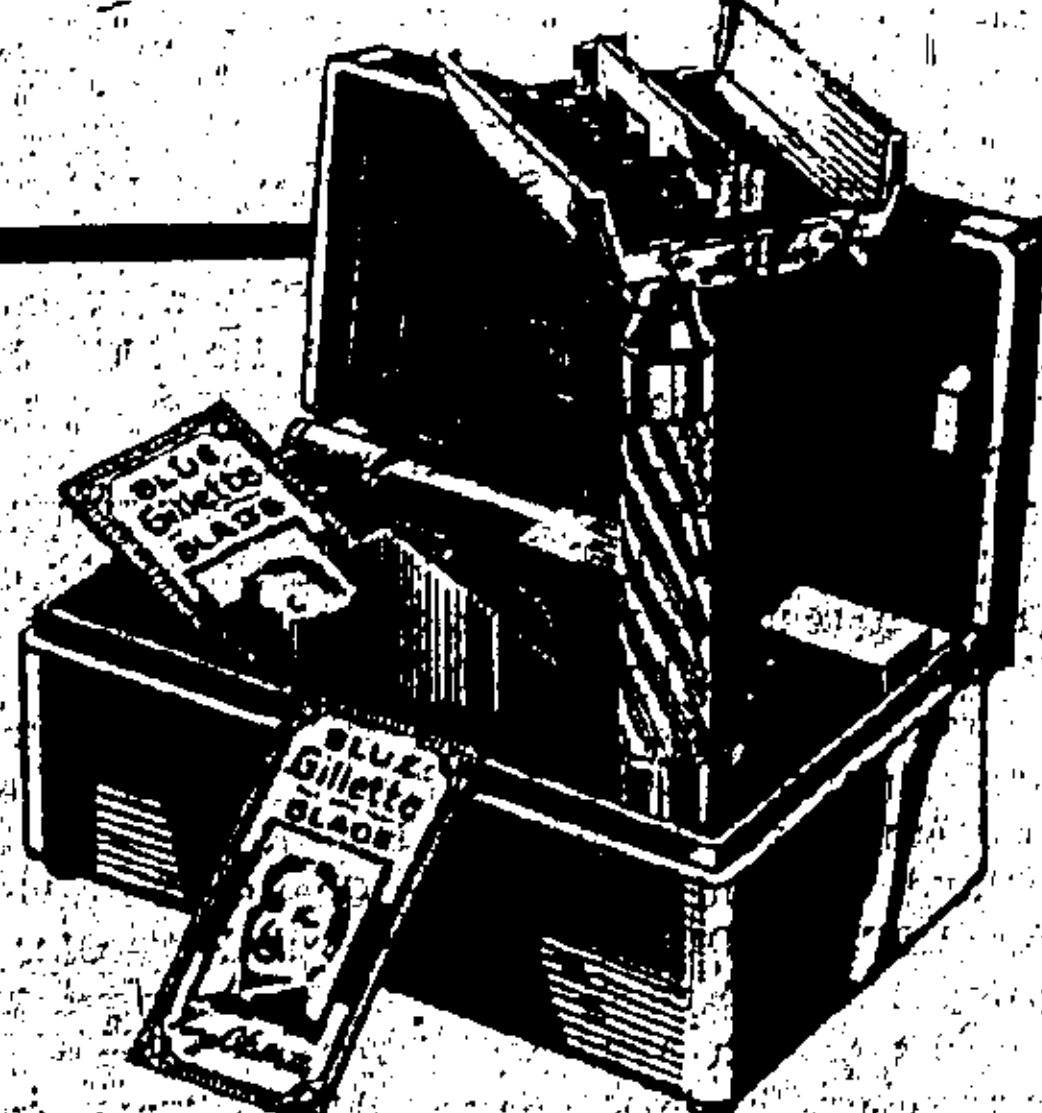
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M.V. "HOEGH
TRANSPORTER"

On instructions from the Underwriters, Tenders are invited for the Single Screw Motor Vessel "HOEGH TRANSPORTER" as she lies submerged in her damaged condition in Singapore Roads.

The vessel is of the Shelter Deck type designed for a carrying capacity of 9,000 tons and fitted with Diesel Machinery.

A large part of the cargo has been removed from the vessel. Tenders should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than 31st December 1940, who will supply any further information available.

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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE
NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

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instead of 30251 as hitherto.

The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

ARRIVALS IN THE
COLONY

Arrivals from Singapore by a Dutch vessel yesterday were Miss L. C. Evans, Mr. J. G. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Barr, Mr. C. F. J. Church, Mr. D. I. Goodwin, Mr. E. Watson, Mr. G. B. Pollock, Mr. R. J. Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wain, Miss M. S. Beery, Mr. A. M. Correa Nunes, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pacheco Jorge, Miss Amélia dos Santos, Miss H. De Assuncao Sousa, Mr. D. F. McNeil, Mr. L. Jensen, Mr. A. Kurucz and Mr. L. Glaziers.

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CHRISTMAS
DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1940, finds the world in the throes of the Battle of Britain, the Battle of the Western Desert, the Greek-Italian war and with Chinese resistance still holding out magnificently against Japanese aggression and yet, in the midst of all this chaos and suffering in a world gone mad, the individual can find joy which the spirit of Yuletide brings. It is a feast of the home and essentially of the children and nothing must spoil the child's happiness.

THE VICAR of St. Andrew's, in his Christmas editorial, writes that war and destruction may rage now and those who speak of civilisation and culture and love and religion stand the risk of being laughed to scorn, but so was their Master in the days of long ago. "Christians, it seems to me," he adds, "are in these days given the greatest and finest task on earth. They are commissioned by God to keep alive in a world gone mad, those beautiful, godlike things of the spirit for the generations yet unborn."

CHRISTMAS, that is, the Mass of Christ, in the Christian Church, is the festival of the nativity of Jesus Christ. Chrysostom, in a sermon preached at Antioch A.D. 386 says that some held the feast of December 25th to have been held in the West, from Thrace as far as Cadiz, from the beginning. It certainly originated in the West, but spread quickly eastwards.

AND SO through all the years Christmas Day has been the festival of the year when Father Time creates, as it were, a new atmosphere of brightness and gaiety and brings a spirit filled with joy, and, indeed, hope for the betterment of the world. Go to Church, then, this Christmas morning, with greater sincerity and joy and in a deeper religious spirit, not unmindful of the suffering and tragedy of the modern world, but determined to worship that "many splendoured thing" which is the one hope of the world of tomorrow, and the joy and the peace in our hearts.

IN OUR REJOICING during the festive season let us remember our gallant sailors, soldiers and airmen in Britain, the Dominions and the Empire beyond the seas, who are fighting for freedom and justice, to bring about a better world in which decent men may dwell. We close on this patriotic theme:

"Let us proudly remember through losses and gains,
Our flag is still flying and
Freedom remains."

SHAI JOURNALIST
IN COLONY

Mr. N. F. Allman, one of the leading journalists in Shanghai, arrived in the Colony from Shanghai on Monday and is residing at Castle Peak. It is remembered that Mr. Allman is included in the "black list" by the Wang Ching-wel Government.

MOBILE
CANTEEN
FUNDH.K. ROTARIANS
GIVE £300

The sum of £300 remitted to London from the Hongkong Rotary Club toward the Rotarians' Mobile Canteen Fund has been received. It was revealed at the meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday by Rotarian Dr. Arthur Woo, president.

Rotarian Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell announced that the Rotarians' concert on Friday was not a financial success.

Rotarian Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo announced it was hoped that the Rotary Club's share from the total proceeds of the football match would be between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

There was only one visiting Rotarian at the meeting yesterday, Rotarian Dr. R. L. Lancaster (Canton) and the following guests—Messrs. G. Goncharoff, George Chow, B. A. Mansell, H. H. Mundy, W. N. Fleming, A. Landsberg, D. Black, A. Vaswani, Noel Braga and Capt. Mauthe.

H.K. Services
Entertained

Living up to its motto, "Service for the Servicemen," the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, not unmindful of the many members of His Majesty's forces in the Colony, organised a dinner and concert on Monday night and last night.

Following the dinner on Monday a highly entertaining programme was provided by the R.A.O.C. Glee Party under Lieut. Sutcliffe, Mrs. E. C. Drown, Vic Labrum and a party of men from one of His Majesty's warships.

There was another large attendance last night when the following took part in the concert: The Glee Party, Mrs. A. R. Cox, Rev. P. W. Jones, H. Harrison, A. Glanville. During the evening talkie films were also shown.

The organisation of the dinner and concert was in the capable hands of Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Chaplain of the Home.

LEGEND OF
FOURTH
WISE MAN

The legend of Artaban, the Fourth Wise Man, who had been unable to make the journey to Bethlehem with the other three, was told by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of the Cathedral when he addressed the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday.

Artaban lived in a little town in the centre of Persia, then known as Ectabana and now as Hamadan. One September evening, having called together his followers, Artaban told them that to-night was the night they were to expect the Double Star coming down in the form of a fish—a Hebrew sign that there was to be born in Jerusalem a King of the Jews who would rule the world by love.

The journey from the centre of Persia to Bethlehem was a long and arduous one. At Baghdad, Artaban was to meet the three other Wise Men at the Temple of the Seven Spheres. He carried with him a ruby, sapphire and pearl—gifts for the new King who was to be born.

LATE AT NIGHT When he did reach Baghdad, it was already late at night and when he reached the Temple of the Seven Spheres he found that the other three Wise Men had gone before him. Having reached Bethlehem, he could not locate the family of Joseph, but was admitted into a home where a grief-stricken mother told him of an order that all children, below the age of two, were to be put to death, as Herod feared the birth of a new King.

To save the life of that mother's child, Artaban gave his sapphire to a soldier who was carrying out Herod's order.

For many years Artaban continued his search for the King. He had but one jewel left, the ruby, and with this present he searched Alexandria and the cities of the Nile Valley for the King of the Jews.

Just before he died, the legend says, Artaban heard the voice of the King, who told him that his quest was completed for "inasmuch as ye did it to the least of my brethren, ye did it to me."

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

ASSAULT ALLEGED

Alleged to have assaulted Ho Po and Li Shui with intent to rob them at Kennedy Road, near McDonnell Road, on Dec. 22, Chan Tsui Chai, 24, both unemployed, were charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday, and were remanded till Friday. Chan was additionally charged with the unlawful possession of a dagger.

Fleeing guilty to larceny of a handbag from Chu Su-nam, 32, woman, at Shan Kwong Road, near King Kong Street, on Dec. 22, Tam, Sik, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday. Det.-Sgt. Morrison prosecuted.

STOLE PAINT

Arrested by Cpl. Black while climbing out from the R.A.O.C. Depot Store, Queen's Road East, Tsui Kwai, 28, unemployed, charged before Mr. Sheldon yesterday with stealing five drums of paint, was remanded for his fingers prints to be produced.

POSSESSION OF ARMS

On the application of Det.-Sub-Insp. Dinkin a remand was granted by Mr. Sheldon yesterday when Chu Chung-wing, 24, tailor, was charged with unlawful possession of a .765 automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition at Shan Kwong Road.

EUROPEANS FINED

Summoned before Mr. Sheldon yesterday for leaving his car unattended at Chater Road, C.M. Stark, of No. 274, The Peak, was fined \$10.

For leaving her car longer than was necessary at Des Voeux Road, Mrs. E. O. Frederick, of No. 177, Repulse Bay, was cautioned.

Dr. H. L. Canaval, of Shell House, was fined \$10 for parking overtime at Pedder Street. For a similar offence at Chater Road, D. B. Nelson, c/o Jardines, was fined \$10.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on A. Zimmerman, of No. 1, Kennedy Road, summoned for failing to obey a traffic signal at Stubbs Road and Gap Road.

REM. Des Voeux, of the Far East Oxygen Acetylene Co., summoned for parking longer than was necessary at Queen's Road Central, near the French Bank, and with failing to produce his driving licence when called upon to do so, was cautioned on the first count and fined \$30 on the second.

Summoned for parking overtime at the Cohnaught Road car park on Nov. 30, E. B. Treedale, of Starlight Villa, was fined \$10.

Miss J. Purvis, of the War Memorial Hospital, who was summoned for leaving car No. 3715 unattended in Chater Road, near York Building, on Dec. 7, was cautioned by the Magistrate.

Traffic Sub-Insp. F. J. Clarke prosecuted.

RETURNED BANISHEES

Sentences of 12 months and six months respectively were imposed by Mr. Sheldon yesterday on two returned banishees, Ng Sum, 28, and Lo Yee, 62. Ng was banished for life on July 10 while Lo was banished for 10 years on Dec. 11. Det.-Sgt. Morrison prosecuted.

ALLEGED MURDERER

Charged with the murder of Lo Wai-tum at No. 74 Marble Road on Dec. 5, Lo King-yu, alias Lo Yick, 32, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday and was remanded for a week.

Det. Sub-Insp. W. N. Dinkin is in charge of the case.

THREE INQUESTS

Three inquests into the deaths of prisoners who died at the Prison Hospital, Stanley Prison, were held yesterday with Mr. Lowry sitting as Coroner.

In all cases verdicts of death by natural causes were returned by a jury.

The deceased prisoners were Sze Fong, 37, Lai Mo, 24, and Chiu Chi, 50. The cause of death of the first two was pulmonary tuberculosis, and the third was emphysema of the chest.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. A. W. Barwell, Prison medical officer.

REV. HIGGS GOING
ON LEAVE

The Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vicar of the St. Andrew's Church, is leaving on a furlough to Australia shortly, and is expected to return to the Colony in a few months.

In his absence his Church work will be taken up by the Rev. H. Wittenbach, of the Church Missionary Society, who has been seconded by the Society to Hongkong for the purpose.

AT KOWLOON

"TSE FA" RAID

As a result of a raid carried out by the Police on Monday night at a large "tse fa" gambling house at No. 18, Cameron Road, Wong Sang, 22, Li Ah-yuen, 24, Cheung Kau, 45, Leung Sing, 5, Yeung Chung-hung, 42, and Chu Tong, 41, were arrested.

The first three accused, who were charged with keeping a gambling house, were each fined \$40 or a month in prison, while the other three charged with gambling, were each fined \$1.00 by Mr. Himsforth.

\$5.86 picked up was placed into the Poor Box.

COUNTERFEIT COINS

Charged with uttering and possession of counterfeit silver coins, Wong Kwan, 28, was remanded for three days by Mr. Himsforth yesterday. The defendant was alleged to have uttered a counterfeit five cent silver coin at Shanghai Street and when searched 34 counterfeit coins were found.

FORGED \$10 NOTE

Tung Lu, 26, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with uttering a forged \$10 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note and with possession of same. The first charge was withdrawn while on the second accused was sentenced to four months' hard labour to be followed by expulsion.

Det.-Sgt. C. Downman said that defendant went to a shop at Nga Tsin Wai Road to buy a packet of cigarettes and tendered a forged \$10 note, which the shop refused to accept. The defendant took back the note and went away followed by the master who had him arrested.

COLLISION SEQUEL

Summoned before Mr. Himsforth yesterday for driving without due care and caution, J. T. Pollock, of No. 25, Hillwood Road, was fined \$10. Defendant collided with the 20-m.p.h. sign at Nathan Road about 1.45 a.m. on Nov. 24 and caused damage to the extent of \$51.

D. O. SOUTH

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

A motor collision, involving a lorry and Bus No. 746 of the Kowloon Bus Co. Ltd., at Castle Peak Road, near the 15½-mile post, at 5.30 p.m. on Dec. 10, and in which two of the passengers died and four others seriously injured, had a sequel at the District Office.

South, yesterday, when Tans Sang, the driver of the bus, was charged before Mr. Balfour with manslaughter.

Defendant was formally remanded for one week on \$500 bail, when the case will be heard at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Traffic Sergeant Bruton was prosecuted.

LARCENY OF CLOTHING

Lo Luen, 41, charged with the larceny of 13 pieces of laundry from the Che Lee laundry shop, No. 17 Tsun Wan Old Road, on Dec. 18, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. Balfour yesterday.

Defendant was formally remanded for one week on \$500 bail, when the case will be heard at the Kowloon Magistracy.

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The Prime Minister is seen inspecting coastal defences of the Southern Command, where invasion is most likely to be attempted.

A GREAT AMBASSADOR TO
A GREAT COUNTRY, SAYS
MR. VERNON BARTLETT

"We could hardly pay a greater compliment to the United States than to send an envoy there who was formerly Viceroy of India and then Foreign Secretary," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, the well-known journalist-M.P., when he spoke in London yesterday on the significance of the latest developments in the news.

Mr. Bartlett said that Lord Halifax had been much criticised for having defended the Munich policy, but it could not have been easy at that time to reach any other decision owing to the fact that Britain was unprepared for war.

"I am convinced," said Mr. Bartlett, "that Lord Halifax will be a great Ambassador in a great country. We need supplies from America, and we need them quickly."

Turning to the military situation in North Africa, Mr. Bartlett said that in every military advance the time must come when a pursuing army faces the danger of running out of supplies. That was when the Commander would wait for any counter-attacks.

"There is, of course, not much chance of a counter-attack from the Italians," said Mr. Bartlett, "but General Wavell's army must be near the time when it must stop to replenish supplies. In this respect the present campaign differs from others."

Mr. Bartlett pointed out that supplies for the British troops could quite easily be brought up and that guns from British warships could still hamper the retreating Italians.

"The whole of East Libya may be captured very quickly," declared Mr. Bartlett. "It is obvious that that the whole of the Eastern Mediterranean is now entirely under British control and, if the Mediterranean was formerly Sighnor Mussolini's sea, what about the Adriatic now?"

Referring to the Greek resistance, Mr. Bartlett said that certainly the Greeks could not be expected to go any further their advance. They had done a great deal in driving the Italians back as they had done.

"There cannot be much more movement until the spring," said Mr. Bartlett, "but the British Navy may still be able to cut off the Italian supplies throughout the coming months."

Speaking of the way in which the Italians and German had been treating the campaign in North Africa, Mr. Bartlett said: "The Germans are trying to pass it off as a very small success in Africa. One paper even goes as far to say that the British plan in Africa must be regarded as a failure."

"In contrast another paper states that the Mediterranean must be regarded as the key to the British Empire and adds that Sighnor Mussolini's defeat shows that while Germany has been lucky enough to take no part so far in overseas fighting Italy had been called upon to do so and to fight on land, sea and air."

WHAT WILL HITLER DO? These variations in German and Italian propaganda are encouraging reading to us, but what is most important to us is the action that Herr Hitler will take to offset the defeat of his ally. Pressure is increasing on Vichy, but the spirit of revolt is growing throughout France and the French Empire.

"Herr Hitler, of course, realises that the best way to help Italy

XMAS PARTY

Enjoyable Social At-
St. Teresa's

An enjoyable Christmas Party was held yesterday evening at St. Teresa's Church parochial hall when members of the Christian Young Men's Society and their friends gathered to share the joy of the season.

In addition to community singing of Christmas carols, music was provided by local talent and a professional band.

In the course of the party a collection was taken for funds for a Christmas party and dinner for the poor of the neighbourhood.

FOUR WEDDINGS AT
THE REGISTRY

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the marriage between Mr. W. G. Humphreys, Revenue Officer, residing at Revenue Bungalow, Fanning, and Miss Mary Yen, of No. 512, Nathan Road, Kowloon, which took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the following weddings which took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:

Mr. Lin Yueh-ming, of the Foo Shing Trading Corp., residing at No. 41, Hillwood Road, and Miss Lew Yuen-chen, teacher, of No. 39, Wong-nai-chong Road.

Mr. Hung Chen-chiu, of No. 11, Cheung-sha-wan Road, and Miss Soo Po-chen, of No. 398, Portland Street.

Mr. Lo Shun-ming, building contractor, of No. 303, Jaffe Road, and Miss Ip Yee-shing, of No. 11, Robinson Road.

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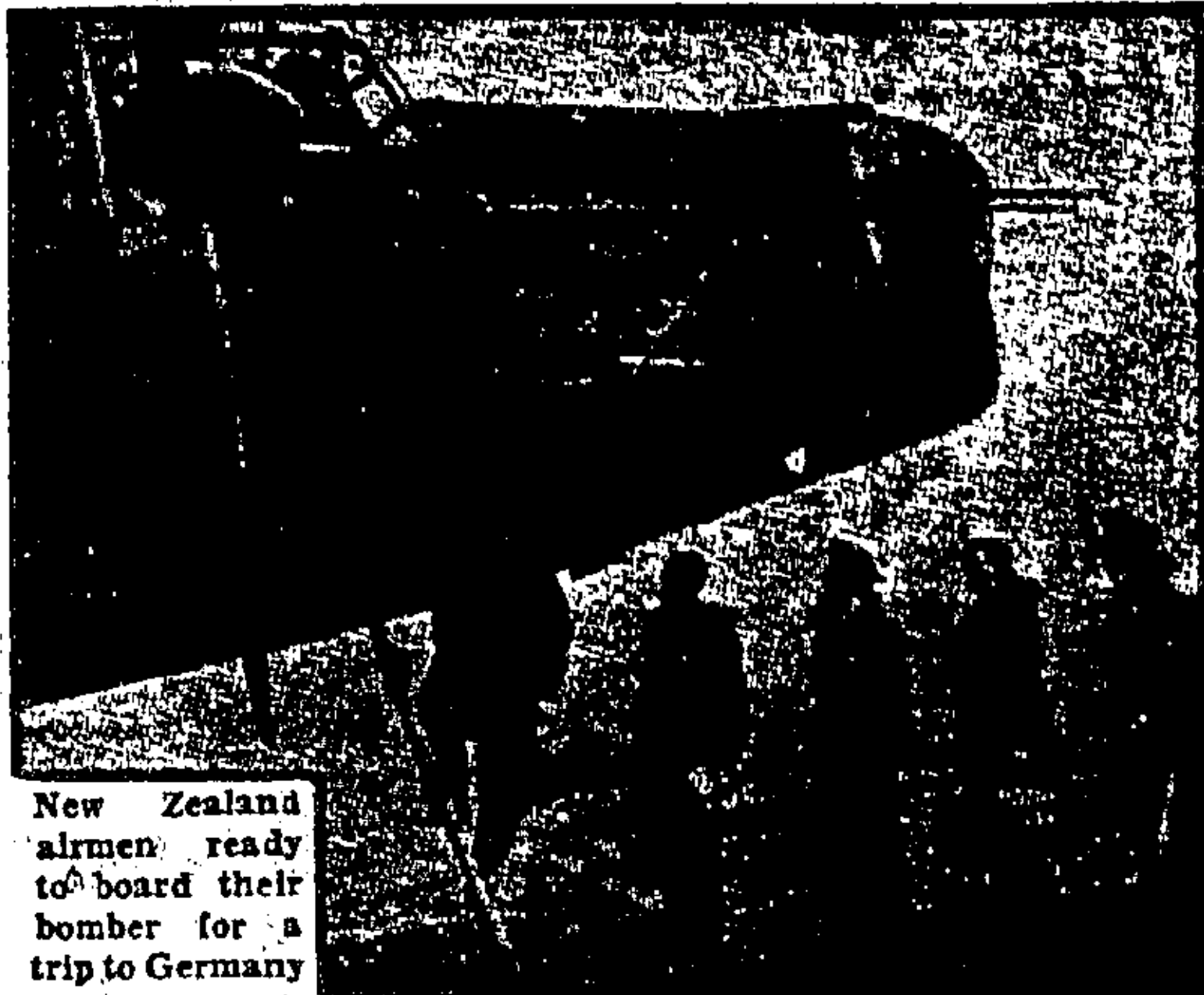
The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Chan Kai-tun, clerk, residing at No. 63, Robinson Road, and Miss Ng So-lan, of No. 19, Hing Hon Road.

Mr. Cheng Shui-ki, clerk of the General Post Office, residing at No. 39, Amoy Street, and Miss Tsang Shui-mei, of No. 22, Kwong Ming Street.

Mr. Li Tim, of the Aberdeen Industrial Home, and Miss Lau Ngai, of No. 148, Des Voeux Road West.

Mr. Tsang Ki-shing, salesman, residing at No. 1, Seaford Road, Kowloon, and Miss Cheung Chiu-kam, of No. 70, Stanley Street.



New Zealand airmen ready to board their bomber for a trip to Germany

R.A.F. ATTACKS AIMED AT FORCING NAZI SURRENDER THROUGH OIL SHORTAGE

LONDON, Dec. 4.—If Germany runs short of oil, she must stop fighting. It is with this uppermost in mind that the R.A.F. has shaped its operations. And the R.A.F. knows a trick or two in connection with the bombing of oil wells. This was fully explained, among other things, by Hugh Dalton, minister of economic warfare, in the course of a press conference here today.

LOST LEGS AT DUNKIRK

He lost both legs at Dunkirk—but he still wants to have another smack at the Germans.

That's the spirit of Tommy Burns, Manchester fly-weight boxer. "When I get home I'll have to start thinking seriously of how I can get back to this war. I want to do my bit right to the end," he told the Daily Mirror.

He was singing "Somebody Stole My Girl" as he wheeled himself along the corridor of a northern hospital.

"My legs were smashed at Dunkirk," he said. "When I was in a shack, holding up the Germans with my Bren gun, I was trapped."

MORTAR SHELL.—Streams of machine-gun bullets were pouring in at both sides of me and I couldn't get out. But I did some damage before they planted a mortar shell on me.

"As if that was not enough, they bombed what was left of me as I lay on the quay at Dunkirk waiting to be taken to a hospital ship."

Burns said his injury happened three weeks before his twentieth birthday.

"I am still young, and hope to have a lot of fun yet. I want to do a bit more in this war yet. The doctor says I shall be walking on artificial limbs in a month. That will suit me fine."

TWO VAGABOND EXPLORERS

Two slim young American vagabond explorers, Dana and Ginger Lamb, are hacking their way through Mexican coastal jungles on a 2,000-mile hike just to toughen up for the goal of their new explorations, the Lost City of the Mayas.

"We certainly are getting put through the paces," the young couple report.

"It is a land of mud, rain and mosquitoes. Every trail that was used by the natives in the dry season is now blocked by deadwood and vines that have been knocked down by terrific squalls. We have to cut our way through this tangled maze with our machetes, nearly every foot of the way. If this doesn't toughen us up for the jaunt into the Forbidden Land, we don't know what will."

WIRY COUPLE

The wiry couple left their Santa Ana home last April. They are hardened vagabonds. On a 16,000-mile honeymoon started in 1933, they sailed down the west coast of Central America, spent six months on the treasure island of Cocos, and finally piloted their 16-foot craft through the Panama Canal. The fruit of this honeymoon was one of the best-selling non-fiction books of 1938, "Enchanted Vagabonds."

They figure the new exploration will be a matter of years. Lamb is convinced from his research that a real scientific treasure is to be found in the Lost City of the Mayas. This he says, will be a library of which he hopes will add a thrilling store of knowledge about the lost civilizations of ancient Central America.

"OUR AVIATORS ARE TEARING AND WILL TEAR YOUR EMPIRE TO SHREDS"

GERMAN PRESS OUTBURST

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—An outburst of wrath in the German press greeted the appointment of Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary.

The Boersen Zeitung writes: "With Eden there comes to the Foreign Office a man whose activities have been dictated by pathological hatred of the authoritarian States. With this appointment, London expects improvement in British-Russian relations and a stiffening of attitude to Japan, Spain and other members of the Axis."

"The answer to these illusions will be a crushing one. All these nations, including the Soviet, will only see the true face of England more clearly for the appointment of Eden."

The Deutsche Zeitung says: "Those who have whipped England into war—Churchill, Eden and Margesson—are now on the spot where they deserve. All three are burdened with the guilt of war and are now branded with full responsibility for Britain's decline which their policy has brought about."

MARSEILLES HARBOUR

TO BE GREATLY ENLARGED

Thousands of workers will be given jobs when Communication Minister, Jean Berthelot's huge public works programme on Marseilles, whose harbour will be so enlarged as to enable 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 tons of merchandise to pass through it annually, gets under way shortly.

M. Berthelot has just completed a tour of the Marseilles region and everything is ready to put his project into operation.

Work will also be carried out on the banks of the River Rhone, which passes through Lyons on its way to Marseilles, and its tributary the Isere.

In a short address, M. Berthelot stressed that "Marseilles must live up to its imperial destiny."

NEEDS OF EMPIRE

"The war has shown that it could not cater sufficiently to the needs of the Empire," he added. "A huge effort will be made to remedy this situation. Roads and railway tracks leading out of the port are to be improved. A large number of unemployed will be put to work in the harbour."

"Considerable dredging work will have to be done prior to the construction of new piers. On these piers large ware-houses will be built. We hope that in five years Marseilles will be able to take care of all the traffic to and from our Empire, and that about 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 tons of goods will pass through her harbour each year."

WANG'S PAPER APOLOGISES

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5.—Wang Ching-wei's Central China Daily News today published an apology for the typographical incident yesterday in which the newspaper appeared with a gambling-house advertisement carrying the line, "Down with the traitor Wang Ching-wei."

The newspaper said the editors were sorry that "malicious communists" succeeded in inserting the rebellious phrase into the paper. The apology said the matter was referred to the Nanjing Ministry of Publicity which replied that "the paper will not be suspended as it should be in view of the paper's previous merits."

Greek Advance Continues Up Coast To Valona

THE GREEK ADVANCE CONTINUES UP THE COAST TO VALONA, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

A Greek broadcast has confirmed that in the Italian rearward there are Fascists who are armed with revolvers and machine-guns and whose special job it is to keep Italian soldiers in the fighting line.

The news of the fall of Chitmarra was received with great enthusiasm and celebrations are proceeding in Athens where flags are flying in the streets.

Another successful raid on the oil wells in Central Albania was carried out by the Royal Air Force.

Premier's Broadcast Hint To The Italian People

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—A dramatic appeal to the Italian nation to disavow Mussolini and to follow the House of Savoy was made by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, broadcasting from London last night.

Mr. Churchill also revealed for the first time that messages had passed between him and Il Duce just prior to Italy's entry into the war—messages which disclosed that Italy only took up arms against Britain because of her treaty with Germany.

"To-night," said Mr. Churchill, "I speak to the Italian people and I speak to you from London, the heart of the British islands and of the British Commonwealth and Empire. I speak to you what diplomats call words of great truth and respect."

"We are at war—that is a very strange and terrible thought. Whoever would imagine until the last few melancholy years that the British and Italian nations would be trying to destroy one another? We have always been friends. We were the champions of the Italian resurgimento. We were partisans of Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour."

All that great movement towards the liberty of the Italian nation which lighted the 19th century was aided and was hailed by the British Parliament and public.

HONOURED PLACE

"Our fathers and our grandfathers longed to see Italy freed from the Austrian yoke and to see all minor barriers in Italy swept away so that the Italian people and their fair land might take their honoured place as one of the leading Powers upon the continent, and as a brilliant and gifted member of the family of Europe and of Christendom."

"We have never been your foes until now. In the last war against the barbarous Huns we were your comrades. For 15 years after that the institutions which you adopted after the war were not akin to ours and diverged, as we think, from the sovereign impulses which had commanded the unity of Italy, we could still walk together in peace and goodwill."

"Many thousands of our people dwelt with you in Italy. We liked each other, we got on well together. There were reciprocal services; there was amity; there was esteem. And now we are at war; now we are condemned to work each other's ruin. Our aviators are tearing and will tear your African Empire to shreds and tatters."

SOMBRE TALE

"We are now only at the beginning of this sombre tale. Who can say where it will end? Presently we shall be forced to come to much closer grips."

"How has all this come about and what is it all for? 'Italians, I will tell you the truth. It is all because of one man. One man and one man alone has ranged the Italian people in a deadly struggle against the British Empire and has deprived Italy of the sympathy and intimacy of the United States of America.'

"That he is a great man I do not deny, but that after 18 years of unbridled power he has led your country to the horrid verge of ruin can be denied by none."

PAGAN BARBARIANS

"It is all one man who against the crown and the Royal family, against the Pope and all the authority of the Vatican and of the Roman Catholic Church, against the wishes of the Italian people who had no lust for this war, has arrayed the inheritors of ancient Rome upon the side of pagan barbarians. There is the tragedy of Italian history and there stands the criminal who has wrought it."

"What is the defence that is put forward for his action? It is of course, the quarrel about sanctions and Abyssinia. Let us look at that."

"Together after the last war Italy and Britain both signed the covenant of the League of Nations which forbade all parties to that covenant to make war on each other or upon fellow members of the League and aid of any member who was attacked by another."

COVENANTED RIGHTS

"Presently Abyssinia came knocking at the door asking to be a member. We British advised against it. We doubted whether they had reached a stage in their development which warranted their inclusion, but it was Mussolini who insisted that Abyssinia should become a member of the League and who therefore bound himself and bound you and us to respect Abyssinia's covenanted rights."

ALL
GOOD WISHES
FOR THE
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CHILD'S LIFE SAVED BY TETANUS SERUM DROPPED FROM PLANE IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

BONTOC, (P.I.) Dec. 2.—This ordinarily drowsy mountain town had its share of excitement this morning when a Philippine Army plane, piloted by Lieutenant Edwin Andrews, dropped a small parachute with a box of tetanus serum on the town plaza. The serum was for the small son of Captain George K. Tait, Philippine Army Reserve, who is in a critical condition in the Bontoc provincial hospital.

Several days ago Captain Tait's son became seriously ill with tetanus. Telephone and telegraph calls to various mountain centers produced only "three snipies" of the precious serum.

"The child," for want of the medicine, became steadily worse and it was feared that some serum which had been ordered from Manila would not arrive in time to save the youngster's life.

REQUEST FOR PLANE.—Yesterday Captain Tait, at the suggestion of Governor Ruffolo Baltazar, telegraphed to Major Gen. Basilio Valdes in Manila asking whether a plane could be sent up to drop the serum on the town plaza, since there is no landing field any place near Bontoc.

This morning Captain Tait received a reply that a Philippine Army plane would drop the medicine at about eight o'clock.

Almost to the minute, the Philippine Army plane was seen approaching from the south. As the plane circled the town, looking altitude steadily, the people of Bontoc realized that this was not a routine passing flight and they rushed in swarms to the town plaza the better to see the low-flying plane. Lieutenant Andrews first dropped a small package with a cloth trailer to determine wind direction and it landed on the slope of a nearby hill where a herd of cattle was grazing. Whether the people of the cattle were more startled is questionable.

MOGOCOW, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The official Tass Agency yesterday issued a denial of the report published in American newspapers that the Chinese Army had received large quantities of war material, medical equipment and other supplies via Vladivostok and that an American military officer will shortly go to Vladivostok to speed up transportation of war material to China.

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CHINESE "Y" LOSE
TO "VARSITY"

Chinese Y.M.C.A. who last year
played off with University for the
"A" Division Badminton League
Championship, lost what little
chance they had of challenging
University "A" again this year
when they went down badly to
University "B" seven games to two
on Monday night.
T. Z. Chiu and F. L. Fung were
in great form for University to win
all three games. The other two
University pairs, C. K. Cheuk and
K. B. Liu and S. Ampleyana, and
A. P. Lee lost a game each. Pat-
rick, Wong, Three-fold, Colony
Champion, the outclassed and won
only one game.

INTERESTING



Adele Dixon, musical comedy
and revue star of the London
stage, broadcasting in a BBC
headquarters studio in the
nightly 'Starlight' programme
in the BBC's Overseas short-
wave service.

SOCCER REVIEW

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nevertheless is as active, if not
more so, than many of the younger
members, possessing abundant
energy.

Navy were a ragged team at the
beginning but settled down to
play a better game later. The
halves were very weak while the
forwards did not come to an un-
derstanding until later in the
match but even then they lacked
their usual punch.

ROUGH PLAY

In a game featured by rough
play ST. JOSEPH'S and ROYAL
SCOTS drew one-all at the valley.
A very regrettable incident oc-
curred in this match when Parnaby,
Scots' right-half, was giving
"marching orders."

It goes without saying that the
standard of soccer suffered as a
result and a poor exhibition was
witnessed. The military eleven had
more of the exchanges and for
this deserved to take full points.
Though their forwards by no
means eclipsed those of the Saints,
the Scots possessed a stronger de-
fence but, despite this advantage,
they could not turn it to their gain.
David Leonard defended stoutly
but his partner, Bowen, was very
erratic. A Leonard had a good hold
on Hossack while Maher had the
full measure of the Garrie-Cook
combination.

MORE ROUGH PLAY

Another rough match was seen
at Boundary Street when KWONG
WAH met KOWLOON, each side
scoring twice. Kwong Wah
played one of their best games the
defence and attack showing fine
coordination that was absent from
their previous games.

Receiving excellent support from
two fast and tricky wingers,
Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-
chung, Chin Chi-fun was given
ample opportunity to reveal his
real worth and, on the whole,
played a very clever game.

It is interesting to note that
Peretra, who turned out for Kwong
Wah earlier in the season, played
at inside-left for Kowloon. He,
however, did nothing much of note
while the rest of the forwards
could not make much of an im-
pression on the steady de-
fence of the electricians.

CHARITY MATCHES

In the two charity matches on
Sunday, the CHINESE had little
difficulty against the opposition
put up by the REST. Superior in
their combination and possessing
a better understanding of each
other's play, the Chinese had the
Rest teams on the run throughout
and only the good defence of the
latter saved them from heavier
defeats.

It has been found true that
when a foreign and Chinese team
meet, the former are always weaker
in attack though in defence they
are the equals if not superior of
the Chinese. This may lay in the
fact that nearly all Chinese soccer
players play the same type of
game, depending mostly on inter-
passing to gain ground.
This was never more clearly de-
monstrated than on Sunday when
the Chinese forwards, with clever
short passing, had the Rest de-
fence guessing all the time.

WHOLE DAY CRICKET MATCH OFF

The whole day cricket match
between Club de Regatta and No.
3 (Machine Gun) Company of the
Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps
arranged for this coming Sunday
afternoon has been cancelled.
The cancellation was made neces-
sary by the fact that a football
game had been arranged for the
same afternoon.

PROGRAMME FOR KWANTI

KEEN RACING IS
ANTICIPATED
BY "LAST QUARTER"

Racing enthusiasts are certain
to gather in large numbers at
the Kwanti Racecourse tomorrow
afternoon for the opening meeting
of the 1940-1941 season of the
Fanling Hunt and Race Club.

There are six events on the pro-
gramme, four of which are flat
races for the lower classes of our
friends from the Valley. Entries
have been plentiful and the racing
should be keen enough to provide
some good fields and finishes.

TAIPO HURDLE RACE

I foresee one of the firmest
favourites of the day going to the
post if Grether is saddled in this
opening hurdle event over 1-1/4
miles. If this pony can jump
passably well it should be suf-
ficient for her to annex this event
as she will simply canter away
from the others on the flat.

March Brown appears to be next
one in line, with Clowner probably
taking the minor placing. If Zero
accepts here instead of going out
in the final event over half a mile
on the flat, punters would do well
to follow this brown though I am
afraid he will succumb to Grether.

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP

(Second Section)
Should Arabian Cat have the
services of one of our more ex-
perienced jockeys, this little chest-
nut must stand a very good chance
in this half mile sprint. National
Liberty, has been improving in
training and I expect this con-
tender to be right up at the finish
and probably even beat the
favourite.

King's Envoy and Lucky Eleven
are others worth watching, while
I consider Gallant Marshal a good
outsider if you have some cash to
spare.

NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP

In this 1-1/2 miles steeplechase,
Teviotdale has the best record of
the lot and must therefore be
watched carefully. I think the
race will develop into a close fight
for honours between Teviotdale,
Sea Urchin and Glorious Star.
Colorado Star has been showing
quite good form recently at the
Valley and may upset if started
here instead of the next event.
Spectrum is reported to be the
dark one here.

FANLING CUP HANDICAP

The special \$1 Sweep will be
drawn for on this seven furlongs
flat race for "D" Class Australians
and I like Quick Despatch in spite
of having to carry top weight, 185
lbs. The opposition, I believe, will
come from Rising Star, as this
pony will find the distance more
suitable than when last raced.

Surprise Again is dangerous but
let me warn punters that betting
on this pony is quite a gamble be-
cause of his temperamental moods.
Roofly ran well enough a fortnight
ago and if in the same condition,

Holiday Golf

STARTING TIMES
FOR FANLING

The following are the Royal
Hongkong Golf Club starting times
for Fanling.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Old Course
a.m.
9.15 R. Young, G. C. Worrell.
9.20 A. Somerfelt, K. S. Morrison.
9.24 A. M. Mack, L. Goldman.
9.28 I. H. Geare, G. M. Park.
9.32 K. S. Robertson, H. H. Mundy.
9.36 Capt. Thursby, M. S. Banner.
9.40 R. G. Parker, R. M. M. King.
9.44 J. B. Harrison, M. A. Annett.
9.48 A. L. Landsberg, W. Stoker.
9.52 W. A. Stewart, T. Low.
9.56 R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.15 L. M. S. Lloyd, S. L. Lloyd.
10.24 T. J. Price, G. E. R. Divett.

New Course

9.24 H. N. Williamson, G. R.
Horridge.
BOXING DAY
Old Course
9.18 A. Pollard, A. H. McBride.
9.20 F. A. Dinsdale, M. A. Annett.
9.24 D. L. Prophet, Capt. Thursby.
9.28 I. H. Geare, J. A. D. Morrison.
9.32 W. Sharp, J. M. Thomson.
9.36 F. McLeod, J. D. Thomson.
9.40 L. A. R. Duncan, J. Hackney.
9.44 E. G. Price, T. Megarry.
9.48 Major Giles, F. D. Hunter.
9.52 A. M. Mack, R. C. Gardner.
9.56 Lt. Col. Macpherson, G. W.
Reeve.
10.00 W. W. C. Shewan, D. S.
Edward.
10.04 R. M. M. King, C. H. D.
Curtoys.
New Course
a.m.
9.24 Mrs. Rowell, J. C. Brown.
10.18 F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome.
10.20 J. C. C. Matthews, R. G.
Parker.
10.32 Maj. Godley, R. D. Gillespie.

will make a good race out of it.
Dick Turpin at 140 lbs. is not to
be neglected—especially since he
seems to have quite a liking for
the Fanling track.

CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP

This race is confined to "D"
Class China ponies over seven fur-
longs and I will again pin my faith
on the old Fanling and Hongkong
racer, Sylvandale. Jack O'Lantern
has come on fast and is also an-
other one quite at home on the
country course, so keep an eye on
this small brown.

King's Worthy and Piet Hein
are fair bets, while if Royal High-
ness gives of her best, she will
make it a difficult task for the
others to beat her. Phoenix, I
think, is too heavy, while Eve of
Peace will most likely be an ab-
sencee.

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP

(First Section)
This sprint race should go to
Zero or Radian War, who are re-
puted sprinters. Ascot Vale should
be close up, on the leaders at the
finish with Lancashire Chap also
as a possibility. Geordie is fast off
the mark and is a very good out-
side bet.

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W metres (833 megacycles)

TODAY

7.00 TALK BY H.M. THE KING
FROM LONDON
Variety Segments:
11.00 a.m. Relay of Christmas
Morning Service from St. John's
Cathedral.
12.25 p.m. Carols and Xmas Music.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.
1.03 Quilter—Children's Overture.
1.15 English Ballads.
1.30 Reader and Rugby Press, Wea-
ther Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 English Artists in Variety.
2.30 Close down.
3.45 Indian Programme.
4.30 Webster: Earth (Tedes) and
Mark: Water and His Orchestra.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour."
7.30 London Relay—"Smag Dragon"
A Spy's Xmas Dish.
8.05 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.25 Variety Request Programme.
9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—"Xmas Under
The Stars."
10.00 London Relay—His Majesty
The King.
10.15 Request Dance Music.
11.00 Close down.

TOMORROW

XMAS VARIETY PROGRAMME
FROM THE STUDIO
Paradise Islanders.
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.
12.30 Compositions of Ivor Novello.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.
1.03 Billy Yayerl at the Piano.
1.15 Film Selections.
1.30 Reader and Rugby Press, Wea-
ther Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Latest Dance Music.
2.15 Close down.
3.45 Indian Programme.
4.30 Richard Crooks (Tenor) and
the Boston Promenade Orchestra.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour."
7.30 Excerpts from Puccini's Operas.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.05 Studio—Concert by The Pa-
radise Islanders.
8.35 Reginald Foort at the Organ.
8.45 Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.00 London Relay—The News and
News Commentary.
9.30 Studio—Special Xmas Variety
Programme.
10.15 Dance Music.
11.00 Close down.

Naval Court Martial

Lieut. J. Jackson, Royal Naval
Reserve, was tried by court martial
at the Hongkong Naval Yard on
Monday on the charge of being
absent from duty without per-
mission.
The defendant, pleading guilty,
was dismissed his ship and severe-
ly reprimanded.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS DECEMBER 24, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 415	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
and demand 82 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 7/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101 3/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 7/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/8	

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 24 (Reuters).

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Shanghai:—Dec. 25, 26, and Jan. 1, 2, 3.	
Singapore:—Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.	
Bombay:—Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, and Jan. 1.	
Japan:—Dec. 25.	
New York:—Dec. 25, and Jan. 1.	
Batavia:—Dec. 25, 26, and Jan. 1.	
London:—Dec. 25.	

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London 0/3-3/8		
New York 5-5/16		
Japan 22-1/2		
India 18-3/4		
Paris nominal		
Hongkong 22-3/8		

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot 0/3-25/64		0/3-7/16
Dec. 0/3-25/64		0/3-7/16
Jan. 0/3-23/64		0/3-13/32

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	Dec.	Jan.
.....	\$5-3/8	\$5-7/16	\$5-7/16
.....	5-3/8	5-7/16	5-3/8

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalization rate was 22 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 23 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON, SILVER

London, Dec. 23 (Reuters). Silver—Small trade demand with very little offering. Business negligible. Market quiet but steady.

Spot, 23-1/8d.

Forward, 23-1/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 23 (Reuters).

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-03

Dec. 27 Settlement 62-02

Jan. 22 Settlement 62-02

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 23 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 138/-

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 23 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, £227-3/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, £260-1/8.

STAGGERING JOB

Clothing an army is a staggering

job. During the first eleven

months of war Canada bought

18,000,000 yards of woollen and

cotton cloth for her armed forces,

enough to stretch from Ottawa to

Berlin and back again. Within a

few months the forces will need

eight miles of puttee cloth, more

than 2,000,000 pairs of socks, and

1,000,000 shirts, not to mention

4,500 miles of drill cloth for sum-

mer uniforms. The Minister of

Munitions and Supply, Hon. C. D.

Howe, stated that production of

uniforms has reached 20,000 a

week.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Previous	Dec. 23	Change
Close buyers	38-1/4	38-1/4	unch.
Opening buyers	37-7/8	37-7/8	37-7/8
Close sellers	38-5/8	38-5/8	38-5/8

The market was very quiet.

The market will be closed on December 25-26, and January 1, 1941.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous	Today's	Change
Close buyers	11-7/8	11-15/16	up 1/16
Opening buyers	11-15/16	11-15/16	unch.
Close sellers	12-1/16	12-1/16	12-1/16
Opening sellers	12-3/16	12-3/16	12-3/16

The market will remain closed on December 25-26, and January 1, 1941.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close 128.89; Today's close, 128.41; Change, off 48.

NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and January 1, 1941 (New Year's Day).

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev.	Today's	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.15	10.12	10.15	10.12	.03 off
New York Rubber, March	20.20	20.20	20.20	20.20	unch.
Chicago Wheat, May	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, March	12.55	12.47	12.50	12.53	.03 up

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	10.02 N	9.98b/10.03a	9.98/98	.04 off
March	10.15/16	10.13/13	10.12/12	.03 off
May	10.09/09	10.08/08	10.05/08	.04 off
July	9.86 N	9.83/83	9.82/82	.04 off
October	9.34/34	9.34/34	9.31/31	.03 off
December	9.31 N	9.31b/32a	9.30 N	.01 off
Spot	10.16 N		10.12 N	.04 off

Total sales Saturday—24,000 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	20.37b	unquoted	20.35b	.02 off
March	20.16b/30a	20.20b/20a	20.20/20	unch.
May	19.99 N	20.00/19.99	19.98/98	.01 off
July (New contract)	19.84b	unquoted	19.84b	unch.

Total sales—270 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	1/2 up
July	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	1/2 up

Saturday's sales—unrecd.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1/2 up
July	60 1/2	unquoted	60 1/2	1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	12.50b	12.50b/80a	12.53b	.03 up
June	12.30/30	12.25b/40a	12.32/32	.02 up

Total sales for the day—56 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver

NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

4.03-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 23.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	102 1/2
Defence Loan, 3 1/2%	101
London & Lancashire 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1938 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
China 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
China Imperial Ry. 5% Loan	47
Honan Ry. 5%	16 1/2
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913	14
Shanghai Ry. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Japan 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	26
Ger. 7% Ind. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	78
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Col. Reg.)	81
Chinese Eng. & Mining	

(bearer) 16/3

Chosen Corporation 4/-

Mercantile Bank of India, 55, "G" 10 1/2

Pekin Syndicate 2/-

Shanghai Electric Co., 15/-

Shanghai Waterworks "A", 13 1/2

Union Insurance 20

Gula Kalumpung Rubber 15 1/2

Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ry. 13 1/2

Great Western Ry. 32 1/2

National Bank of India 32

B.A. Tob. (bearer) 88/9

Dunlop Rubber 32/9

Bristol Aeroplane 9/9

Imperial Chemical Ind. 29 3/4

United Steel 21/6

Woolworths 53/4 1/2

Maraman Investments 7/6

Western Holdings 9/3

Sub-Nigel 160

Shell Trans. & Trad. 38/9

(bearer) - bid. - ex. div.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 24, 1940

STOCKS		Last Sale Dec. 23	STOCKS		Last Sale Dec. 23
Adams Express	5 1/2		Loew's Inc.	31 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2		Loft Incorporated	17 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	35 1/2		Mack Truck Inc.	29 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	29 1/2	
Amer. Can.	86 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2		Montgomery Ward	35 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	13 1/2		Mt. Airy City Copper Co.	3 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign P. pf.	14 1/2	13/16	National Aviation	10 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2		National Distillers	25 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2		National Lead	15 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	
Amer. S. & W. & R. Ry. Co.	41 1/2		National Supply Corp.	6	
Amer. Sugar Refining	13		New York Central	13 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	186		Niagara Hudson Power	3	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2		N. American Aviation	18 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	61		North American Co.	16 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	28 1/2		Northern Pacific	52	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	10 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	43 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	18 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	16 1/2		Packard Motors	3	
Baltimore & Ohio	34 1/2		Pan-American Airways	15	
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2		Paramount Pictures	10 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2	
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Borg-Warner	18 1/2		Pure Oil	7 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2	
Budd Mfg. Corp.	5		Reading Company, Com.	12 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	53		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2	
Case, J.I.	53		Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	
Celanese	26 1/2		Republic Steel	21 1/2	
Celanese & Ohio	41 1/2		Revere Corp.	10 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	74 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	30 1/2	
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Du Pont de Nemours	16 1/2		Studebaker Com.	7 1/2	
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Saton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2		Technicolor	8 1/2	
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Elec. Bond & Share	38		Texas Gulf Sulphur	36 1/2	
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Elec. Power & Light 5 1/2 pfd.	14 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	6	
Flintkote	14 1/2		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11 1/2	
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Gildden Co.	12 1/2		United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pfd.	26 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	13		United Gas Corp.	4	
Goodrich 5 1/2 pfd.	63 1/2		United Gas Improvement	9 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2		U.S. Rubber	21 1/2	
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	26 1/2		U.S. Rubber 3 1/2 pfd.	85 1/2	
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Greyhound Corp.	10 1/2		U.S. Steel	88	
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A.R.P. ORDERS

DECEMBER 24, 1940

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

SPECIAL ORDER
The Director of Air Raid Precautions wishes to congratulate all Members of the Corps on their smartness and steadiness on Parade during the inspection by His Excellency the Acting Governor on December 21.

UNIFORM
Divisional Officers are reminded of the necessity of returning to A.R.P. Headquarters all shoes issued to Warden.

STRENGTH-DECREASE
The following Wardens are permitted to resign:
20 Ma Kam-moon, Bay View, and Miss Fok Ha, Central, on leaving the Colony; 73 (T) A. H. Haroon, Quarry Bay, on joining the Despatch Corps; 1135 Yip Shing, Shaikwan, unavailable, for duty; 1340 Wong Hei-hung, Shaikwan, on transfer to Medical Services.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
373 (T) J. Wan, Central, has returned from leave of absence; District Warden Choi Chuen-shun, Yau-mat, is granted 1 week's leave from Dec. 16; 2233 Li Kuo-chow, Yau-mat, is granted 1 month's leave from Dec. 15; 2808 Miss Leung Wai-ming, Yau-mat, is granted leave from Dec. 15 to Feb. 8; 2106 Chan Hung, Kowloon City, 1 month's leave from Dec. 20.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
1694 Hui Wah, Central, to 113 Jaffe Road, ground floor, Eastern; 554 Hu Sik, Tai-po Market, to 88 Tai-po Road, Shamshuipo.

PROMOTIONS
The following promotions are notified with effect from Dec. 24.
Yau-mat Division. To be Group Wardens—2174 S/W Cheung Him, 2225 S/W See Wai-ching, 2192 S/W Leung Hon-hung, 2203 S/W Tse Chun-hung; To be Deputy Group Wardens—2231 S/W Lai Chiu-an, 2200 S/W Tsang Kan-por, 2221 Chan Wai-ming; To be Senior Wardens—2182 Leung Suk-po, 2271 Po Kam-chor, 2173 Kwok Ching-cheung, 2178 Cheung Fan, 2248 Leung Sau-him, 2235 Ng Yuen-cheung, 2197 Pung Ngai-ying, 2257 Lau Kiu-kwai.
Eastern. To be Senior Wardens—957 Wong Yiu-kuen, 888 Chan Wai-chun, 1381 S. W. Tom, 1830 Tong Pook-in.

TRANSFER
1973 Mrs. C. M. Bird, Shamshuipo to Kowloon Headquarters.

TRAINING
Exercise—Shamshuipo. An exercise for District C and D will be held on Sunday, Dec. 29, commencing at 14.30 hours. Posts to be manned at 14.30 hours. Dress—uniform, steel helmets. Report Centre will parade as required.

(Sgd.) B. H. FUCKLE, Deputy Director of A.R.P.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Little interest was taken in the market today, however the undertone remained comparatively steady.

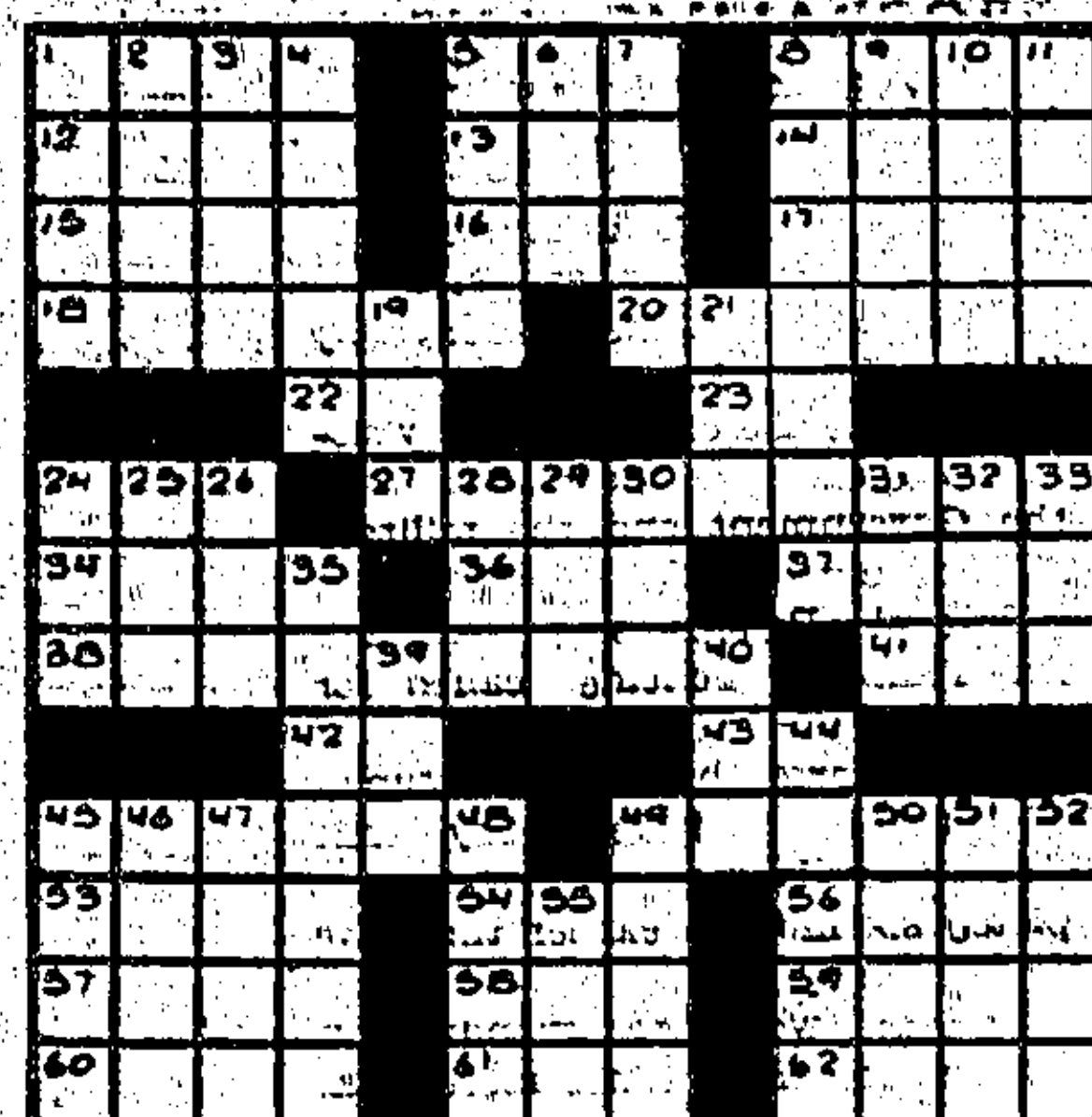
BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Canton Ins., \$200.
Union Ins., \$400.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$157.50.
Providents, \$5.70.
Hotels, \$3.50.
Lands, \$33.60.
Realties, \$3.80.
Trams, \$17.70.
Yau-mat Ferries, \$24.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.30.
Ropes, \$7.05.
Watsons, \$10.50.
Entertainments, \$7.
Constructions (Q), \$1.50.

SELLERS

Wharves, \$95.
Hotels, \$3.70.
Trams, \$18.
Dairy Farms, \$19.25.
Watsons, \$10.70.
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.
SALES
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan, \$4.
Providents, \$5.70/75.

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23 Pronoun
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27 Day of the week
34 Nominate
36 Constellation
37 Rescue
38 Misting
41 Wager
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43 From
45 Mechanical instrument
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53 Source
54 Caustic alkaline solution
56 Brad
57 Elliptical
58 Ocean
59 Stuff
60 Act of selling
61 Consume
62 Long fishes
DOWN
1 Scandinavian legend
2 Above
3 Peruse
4 Made a mistake
5 Float
6 Silkworm
7 Yeast formed on brewing liquors
8 Turn aside
9 Prepare for publication
10 Burrowing rodent
11 Dash
19 At this time
21 Reverential fear
24 Insect
25 Hinder
26 Wine vessel
28 Biblical high priest
29 River in Scotland
30 Negative prefix
31 To peck
32 Salutation
33 Hitherto
35 To give a title to
39 Male child
40 To pull along after
44 An inclosing barrier
45 God of love
46 Constellation
47 Aim
48 Otherwise
49 Bench
50 Uncommon
51 Small bottle
52 Trees
55 Affirmative vote

SOLUTION TOMORROW

MARKET REPORT

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, Dec. 24.
Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 1/8 for Ready and 23 1/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 for near and forward, buyers at 1/3 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 1/16 for Spot and possible buyers at 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at 438 1/2, 438 and 435. The market closed with sellers at 434, buyers at 435.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3/25 3/32 for Spot and closed steadier with sellers at 3/7 1/8 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers were quoted at the opening at 5/3 8 and at the close there were sellers at 5/7 1/8 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/23 1/32 for near and forward, buyers at 1/3 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 23 1/16 for Cash, possible buy-

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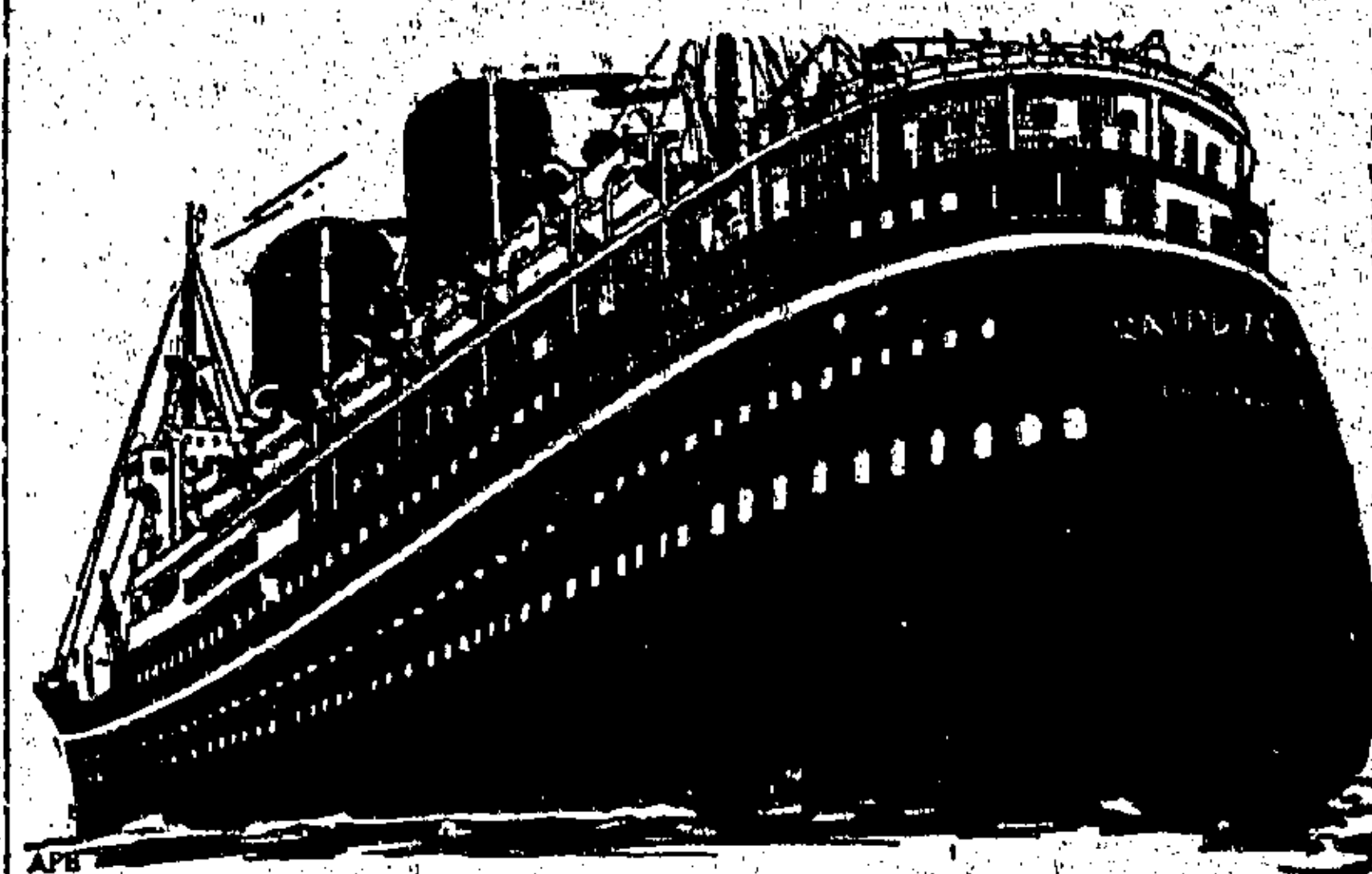
ers at 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at 430 and 432. Closed with sellers at 432.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3/29 3/4. Later the rate rose to 3/31 3/4. At the close the market eased off again, with sellers at 3/29 3/4 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5/15 3/32 and subsequently the rate rose to 5/17 3/32. Closed with sellers at 5/15 3/32 for Spot.



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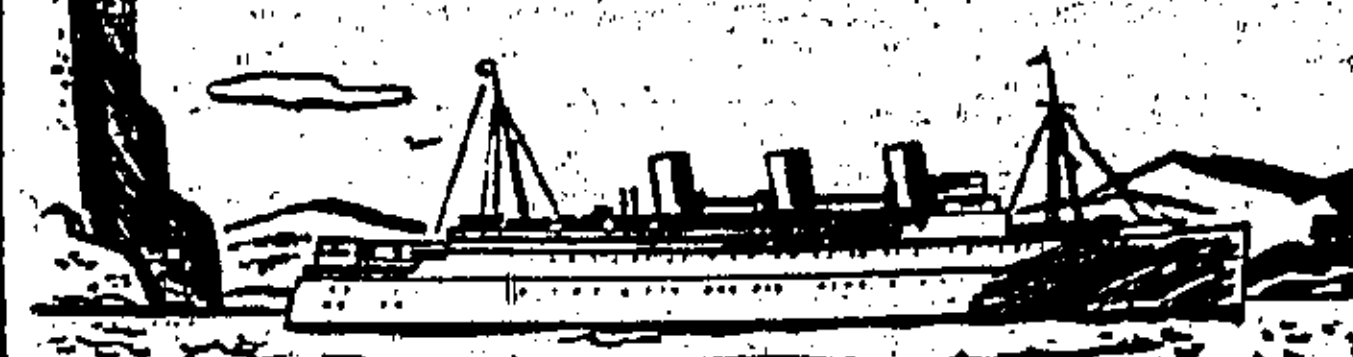
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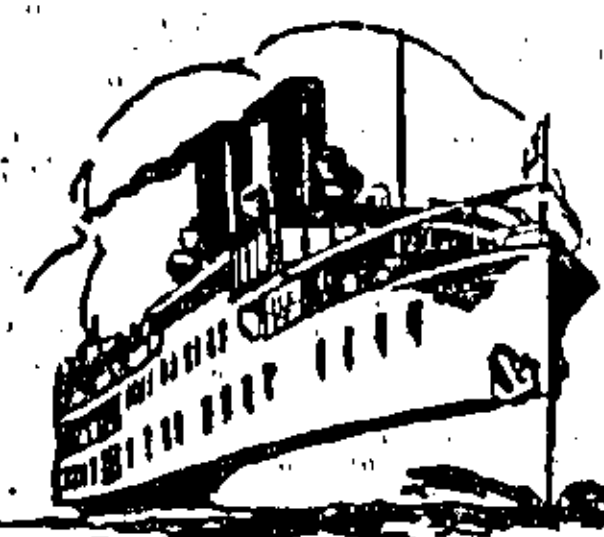
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EMPIRE AIR TRAINING SCHEME PROGRAMME AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada is well ahead of schedule, it was revealed today by Colonel J. L. Ralston, Canadian Minister of Defence, who is visiting England for discussions with the Government and the military authorities.

Colonel Ralston said that the Air Training Scheme called for 104 schools and institutions of various sorts by next autumn. "I am in a position to say that these establishments will be completed six months earlier than the programme."

Canada would be spending on the scheme three times more than was called for and the number of graduates from the air training establishment would be doubled.

PLANS FOR DROMES

Plans for aerodrome development would be completed before Dec. 31. The flow of airmen from Canada compared with what was called for, was most satisfactory.

"I have assured Mr. Churchill and members of the United Kingdom Government that Canada is united wholeheartedly—as Canada never was before—in every activity that will help in connexion with the war effort," he added.

CANADIAN MINESWEEPERS

OTTAWA, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Britain has placed orders in Canada for another 12 minesweepers. This brings the total number of naval vessels to be built in Canadian shipyards up to 120.

SOCCER INTERPORT WITH SHAI OFF

Word has been received locally that the Shanghai Football Association will definitely be unable to send a team to Hongkong for the Interport game during Chinese New Year.

Several causes, it is understood, have contributed to this decision, among these being the difficulty of confronting players who are volunteers in obtaining leave, the uncertainty of sailing dates and Shanghai's probable inability to raise a representative side owing to the departure of the British troops.

Substantial Grants Made To Macao Charities

(Our Own Correspondent)
MACAO, Dec. 22.—Budgetary donations for 1941 charities by the Macao Committee of Aid and Benevolence will amount to nearly four lakhs, according to figures issued through the Government Bulletin published during the week-end.

Substantial grants are being made to Aid for Mendicants, Home for Poor, Santa Casa de Misericordia, Salesian Orphanage, Catholic Institute, Society for the Protection of Young and Orphans, Schools Canteen, St. Vincent Paul's Society, Tong Sin Tong, Kiang Woo Hospital, Shanghai refugees, Public Dispensary, Poor of St. Anthony, and other charitable institutions.

A "SUCKER" BORN EVERY MINUTE!

Boy Parts With \$125
To "Magician"

Wong Za-fah, a fraudulent "magician" drew one year in the First Special District Court, Shanghai, on Dec. 17, for swindling a 16-year-old boy of \$125 by promising to produce a beautiful girl friend for him, reports the North China Daily News.

The boy met the sentenced man recently at the corner of Peking and Honan Roads where he said that he wanted to have a girl friend.

"PRINCESS CHARMING"

With difficulties, the boy raised the required money for Wong's "miracle" and as soon as he obtained the money Wong told the boy to go home where his "Princess Charming" would be waiting for him.

The boy found no girl and as he returned to Peking Road he could not locate Wong either. Some days later, Wong wanted to pull another fast one on another boy in front of the Great World amusement resort where he was caught.



His Majesty the King, who will broadcast a message to the nation and Empire today, is seen above with General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces.

FIRM FRENCH REFUSAL OF GERMAN DEMANDS

FROM FRENCH FRONTIER, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—France is anxiously awaiting Hitler's next move following reports that Marshal Petain has firmly refused German demands both for military co-operation and reinstatement of Laval as Foreign Minister. While fears of imminent "blitz" action by the German Army against unoccupied territory have given place to a note of moderate optimism, it is realized that the danger is by no means past.

M. Flandin, the new Foreign Minister, is reported to profess confidence that Hitler will be satisfied with Marshal Petain's reply, in which concessions of some kind have evidently been made.

Neutral observers are asking whether the possibility of Petain ordering resumption of French resistance on the plea that the Armistice is being violated will be enough to restrain the Nazi war machine. "It is pointed out that the Germans, anxious as they are to gain a foothold on the shores of the Mediterranean and to seize France's submarine fleet, must be sorely tempted to march if 'peaceful pressure' fails."

"ARMISTICE" ARMY

Petain is fighting hard to keep his word to the French people that France's unity will be maintained—to gain time to strengthen the discipline of Unoccupied France and the French colonies.

That this is more than a mere phrase is indicated by the recent activity of General Huntziger, Minister of War, who just inspected France's "armistice" army and the French fleet at Toulon and in North Africa.

General Weygand and General Bergeret, Minister for Air, have completed visits to all the chief centres in France's African colonies and Syria.

"ALL QUIET"

ZURICH, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Frenchmen, anxiously watching the demarcation line separating them from Nazi-occupied territory, report "all quiet" following the handing over of the Vichy Government reply to Hitler's latest demands.

A feeling of hopefulness is now noticed in Vichy by Swiss correspondents.

The French reply was presented to Herr Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's representative in Paris, by Comte de Brinon, Vichy's Delegate-General in occupied territory, on Sunday, according to the "Gazette de Lausanne," whose Vichy correspondent says that though nothing is known of the exact nature of the German demands of the French reply, "the atmosphere which reigned in Vichy last week has disappeared as if by a miracle."

REPLY AWAITED

The correspondent adds that there is absolute confidence that Petain has no intention of accepting any "political engagements contrary to the honour of the Fleet and Army."

The correspondent of La Suisse writes: "Today's bulletin about the health of France show that the temperature has gone down although the patient's condition is still grave."

The correspondent adds that although the German reply is still awaited, Petain's note is believed to have had a favourable reception.

When the Foreign Minister received a series of visitors yesterday, he gave an impression of optimism.

MINISTER'S APPEAL

VICHY, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—An appeal for the restoration of "impartiality, firmness, discipline and honour" in all ranks of the French Colonial Service was made by M. Platon, Minister for the Colonies, today.

In a circular to Colonial Governors, M. Platon urges: "In the exercise of your authority, let all your acts be inspired by the duty which involves on all Frenchmen to take part with vigour and confidence in the work of national rehabilitation laid down by Marshal Petain."

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Dec. 24.

Barometer, (at sea level) 30.03 ins.

Temperature, 72° F.

Humidity, 90 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort) 1

Temperature, maximum yesterday, 76° F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 67° F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 177.58 ins.

Against an average of 84.95 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.46 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7 a.m.

4 p.m. Dec. 24.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.98 ins.

Temperature, 72° F.

Humidity, 88 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force, 2

Temperature, maximum, 77° F.

Temperature, minimum, 67° F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 25 to 31 Dec. 1940.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Wed. 25	h.m. 08.20	h.m. 18.40	h.m. 18.40
Thur. 26	07.50	18.30	18.30
Fri. 27	08.07	18.23	18.23
Sat. 28	08.08	18.18	18.18
Sun. 29	08.09	18.13	18.13
Mon. 30	08.10	18.08	18.08
Tue. 31	08.11	18.03	18.03

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Thursday, 26th December, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows—
Thursday, 26th

General Post Office 8 a.m. to noon
Kowloon Central Post Office 8 a.m. to noon
Sheungwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 26th Dec.

on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th Dec., and at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 26th Dec.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December).....	26th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December).....	26th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 17th December.....	27th Dec.
London and Straits.....	27th Dec.
Java and Manila.....	27th Dec.
Swatow.....	28th Dec.
Canton.....	29th Dec.
Sandakan.....	29th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits.....	30th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 24th December.....	31st Dec.
Java and Manila.....	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila.....	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila.....	4th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits.....	8th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila.....	11th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
THURSDAY	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa.....	Thurs. 26th Reg. 8.30 AM K.P.O. Reg. 11.30 AM Ord. Noon
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".....	G.P.O. Reg. 11.30 AM Ord. Noon
Ceylon, India, Aden and Egypt.....	Reg. 11.30 AM Ord. Noon
FRIDAY	
Sandakan.....	Fri. 27th Reg. 8.30 AM K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".....	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom).....	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".....	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM Parcels 5.00 PM Letters 7.00 PM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.....	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
SATURDAY	
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.....	Sat. 28th Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
SUNDAY	
Canton.....	Sun. 29th Noon
MONDAY	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and South Africa via Durban.....	Mon. 30th Reg. 4.30 PM K.P.O. Reg. 4.45 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.....	G.P.O. Reg. 4.45 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A. & Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".....	Tue. 31st Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
THURSDAY	
United Kingdom.....	Thurs. Jan. 2nd G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 1/1 Noon Reg. 1/1 Noon Ord. 2/1 8.30 AM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada & United Kingdom).....	G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Note:—All Mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription	

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